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TERRORIST GANGS ACTIVE IN SETTLEMENT

Japanese Soldiers Wounded By Grenades

BOMBS THROWN IN HANKOW ROAD

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A wave of terroristic activities inauspiciously ushered in the New Year in Shanghai to-day when a group of about seventy Japanese soldiers walking along Hankow Road on a sight-seeing tour of the Settlement areas, were the target of two hand-grenades thrown from Chinese buildings.

Four Japanese privates and five Chinese were injured by the grenades, which were thrown by unidentified miscreants.

Police cordoned off the area and made a house-to-house search, which, however, proved fruitless.

Meanwhile, hand-grenades were also thrown at three Japanese cotton mills in the Italian defence sector, one exploding dangerously near Colonel Andreino, the officer commanding the Savoy Grenadiers, who was unscathed. Casualties and damage were only very slight.

COTTON MILLS ATTACKED

A foreign eye-witness of the Hankow Road incident told "enter": "I was shopping when I suddenly heard two loud explosions in the street, which was filled with Chinese, who scattered in panic in all directions for cover."

"LOADS OF SUSPECTS"

"Two Settlement police riot vans arrived on the scene and took loads of Chinese to the station for questioning as possible eye-witnesses, while ambulances rushed the injured to hospital."

"Later, Japanese consular police arrived for an investigation on the spot and returned to Hong-kew when they had completed their inquiries."

DETACHED GROUP

"The four Japanese privates who were injured had become detached from the main party, which was leisurely going to see the Settlement Race Course."

"They were armed only with bayonets, though the officers carried pistols."

To-day's outrages confirm the presence in Shanghai of anti-Japanese terrorists bent on creating disorder, and their activities are causing much misgiving.

ARMED GANGSTERS

It is almost impossible to round up all armed gangsters and ex-soldiers in the city, for which reason, although the Chinese forces withdrew from Shanghai eight weeks ago, curfew is still being enforced between 11.30 p.m. and 5 a.m.—Reuter.

MILL GATES BLOWN IN

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Bombs were thrown at the entrances of the Hotel Cotton Mill and the Shanghai Cotton Mill shortly after the Fukien

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The Colony threw off its cares for a brief while again on New Year's Eve and the hotels were well patronised by merry-makers. The above picture was taken by our photographer at the Hong Kong Hotel.

BRITISH TROOP MOVEMENTS

London, Yesterday.
Official quarters, by London categorically deny reports that British troops being moved from Palestine to Egypt has any bearing on the political crisis.—Reuter.

\$600 ROBBERY IN Y.M.C.A.

John David Phillips, residing at Room 54, European Y.M.C.A., reports that between 9 p.m. on Friday and 7.30 yesterday morning, someone entered his room by the front door and stole the sum of \$600 from his chest-of-drawers. The money was in \$10 and \$5 notes.

Petrol Explosion And Fire Disaster In Harbour

Two Chinese seamen are missing, believed killed, and four others are in hospital, including Captain A. C. Kella, chief officer of the vessel, as the result of a disastrous explosion and fire aboard the s.s. Lolita in Hong Kong harbour yesterday evening.

Carrying about 700 tons of kerosene and lubricating oils, destined for Canton, the Lolita had at about 4.20 p.m. just pulled out of the wharf at the Texaco Company's installation at Tsun Wan, to go to anchorage, when an explosion occurred in a forward hold and within a few minutes, the ship was burning fiercely.

The two men missing were caught in the original explosion and blown overboard. Their bodies have not been recovered.

TO WATER'S EDGE

The forepart of the vessel was burned practically to the water's edge, but the aft escaped miraculously and was only slightly damaged.

With Messrs. Moss, Cash and Woodward in charge of operations, the Fire Brigade had two fireboats,

STRIKING CHINESE CUSTOMS FIGURES

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Chinese Maritime Customs revenue in 1937, composed of import and export duties, interport duty, tonnage dues, flood relief surtax and revenue surtax, amounted to \$348,900,000 compared with \$324,630,000 in 1936.

This includes \$142,210,000 from Shanghai, a decrease of \$6,760,000 compared with 1936; \$93,390,000 from Tientsin, a decrease of \$2,130,000, \$24,310,000 from Taingtao, an increase of \$4,000,000, \$25,830,000 from Hankow, an increase of \$1,950,000, and \$12,850,000 from Canton, an increase of \$1,930,000.

WAR'S EFFECT

Total collection in the first seven months amounted to \$262,260,000, constituting a record for such a period and providing ample justification for the assumption that if hostilities had not broken out, the record collection of \$388,510,000, in 1931, would have been exceeded this year.

The service of the Anglo-German Loan of 1898, the Boxer Indemnity obligations and the 1913 Reorganisation Loan, were provided in full from Customs revenue at a total cost of \$76,911,000, while the service of consolidation notes of the American Wheat and Flour Loan of 1931 and the American cotton and wheat loan of 1933, were met in full from the collection of flood relief surtax at a total cost of \$8,726,000.—Reuter.

one engine and firefoam apparatus engaged in quelling the fire, the cause of which is a mystery.

Mr. Kella, the injured foreigner, is well-known in the Colony and resides at No. 30, Mody Road. The Lolita is a small vessel of about 649 tons, owned by the New Bhatera S.S. Company, and the local agent, Mr. La Salla and his wife, had a remarkable escape as they were on board only two minutes before the explosion occurred.

Foreign Office Move Causes Speculation

London, Yesterday.
Creation of a new post in the Foreign Office—that of Chief Diplomatic Adviser—and the appointment of Sir Robert Vansittart as the first holder of the post, was officially announced last night.

Sir Alexander Cadogan is to take over the post of Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs vacated by Sir Robert Vansittart.

Speculation is rife in political circles regarding the background of the decision. Rumour has recently attributed Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Mr. Eden with a collision on foreign policy, as a result of the alleged activities of the "Cliveden House Party" group.

The appointments are regarded as considerably strengthening the hand of Mr. Eden. Both Sir Robert and Sir Alexander Cadogan are staunch allies of the Foreign Secretary.

The following statement has cordially authorised the Foreign Office to appoint a Chief Diplomatic Adviser, responsible directly to the Secretary of State.

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"After weighing up all the circumstances, the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary have come to the conclusion that this required relief can best be afforded by the creation of a new post in the Foreign Office following the example of somewhat similar posts in other departments."

"The Prime Minister has, accordingly, authorised the Foreign Office to appoint a Chief Diplomatic Adviser, responsible directly to the Secretary of State."

Soviet Embassy In Nanking Set On Fire

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A Japanese report from Nanking says that the Soviet Embassy there was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin to-day. The Embassy had not been occupied since transfer of the staff to Hankow.—Reuter.

MACAO PROTEST TO JAPAN

Canton, Yesterday.
Protest from the Chinese authorities in Macao is believed to be behind the Japanese withdrawal from Wong-cum Island, near the Portuguese colony, yesterday.

Japanese marines were landed on the island on December 28 but, according to a reliable Chinese source, have now withdrawn to their ship.

The withdrawal, says the same source, is believed to have been due to a request from the Portuguese authorities, as Portugal has certain rights on the island.

Meanwhile a company of Japanese sailors attempted to land at Tongkwan, in Chungshan district to-day, but contacted Chinese troops and withdrew.—Reuter.

CHINESE AIR PILOTS IN TRAINING AT VLADIVOSTOCK

An interesting revelation has been provided by a Hong Kong Chinese air student who left the Colony some little time ago to volunteer for the Chinese Air Force.

A letter has now been received from him addressed from Vladivostok, revealing that he, together with a number of other Chinese student-pilots, are receiving special training under the Russian Air Force there.

SEVERE AIR RAID IN CANTON AREA

Canton, Yesterday.
New Year in Canton was greeted by a severe air raid in country districts north-west of the city this morning.

Bombs and gunfire were audible all over Canton, but no bombs were dropped in the city proper.—Reuter.

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ONE THING & ANOTHER

A loud report was heard in Pall Mall one evening recently. Many people thought it was a gas explosion. They were mistaken.

The trouble was due to the broadcast of Harold Temperley's dramatized account of the Russian revolution. It appears that a member of the Carlton Club happened to switch on the radio, and out came the shouted words, "Long live the Revolution!" followed by the "International."

Several members of the Club, including two Generals, one Tory M.P., three prominent bankers, and a suffragan bishop, blew up.

"ROOSEVELT Warns Japan,"—Headline: No. 72,589 of the series.

Those of you who are accustomed to reading from day to day that France Warns Italy, Germany Warns Russia, Britain Warns Germany, Russia Warns Japan, and so on through all the combinations, will be surprised to hear that the international situation is by no means complete.

Several countries have not yet warned each other, and some have not even received any warnings at all. Nicaragua and Albania have officially complained of neglect, and the Eskimos now ask why they should be left out in the cold.

Show your Good Will this Christmas and Send a Warning to a Lonely Eskimo.

A Moscow correspondent writes: "It appears that your new military dictator, More-Bellshin, is getting rid of the Old Guard, the men who led Britain to victory in the Great War and helped to build up the present regime."

"In such London papers as I have read, there is little news of this Purge, and no mention of the fate of these men. Rumours here say that they have been arrested, taken to the Tower of London, and shot."

"As one of your great newspapers said recently in another connection—'This is not democracy.'"

"SINCE the outbreak of the China incident..." begins a Tokyo newspaper correspondent.

I note that it is still not a war, though I observe a reference in the name report to "the Japanese soldiers at the front." I don't think an incident ought to have a front. I would suggest some compromise such as dickey.

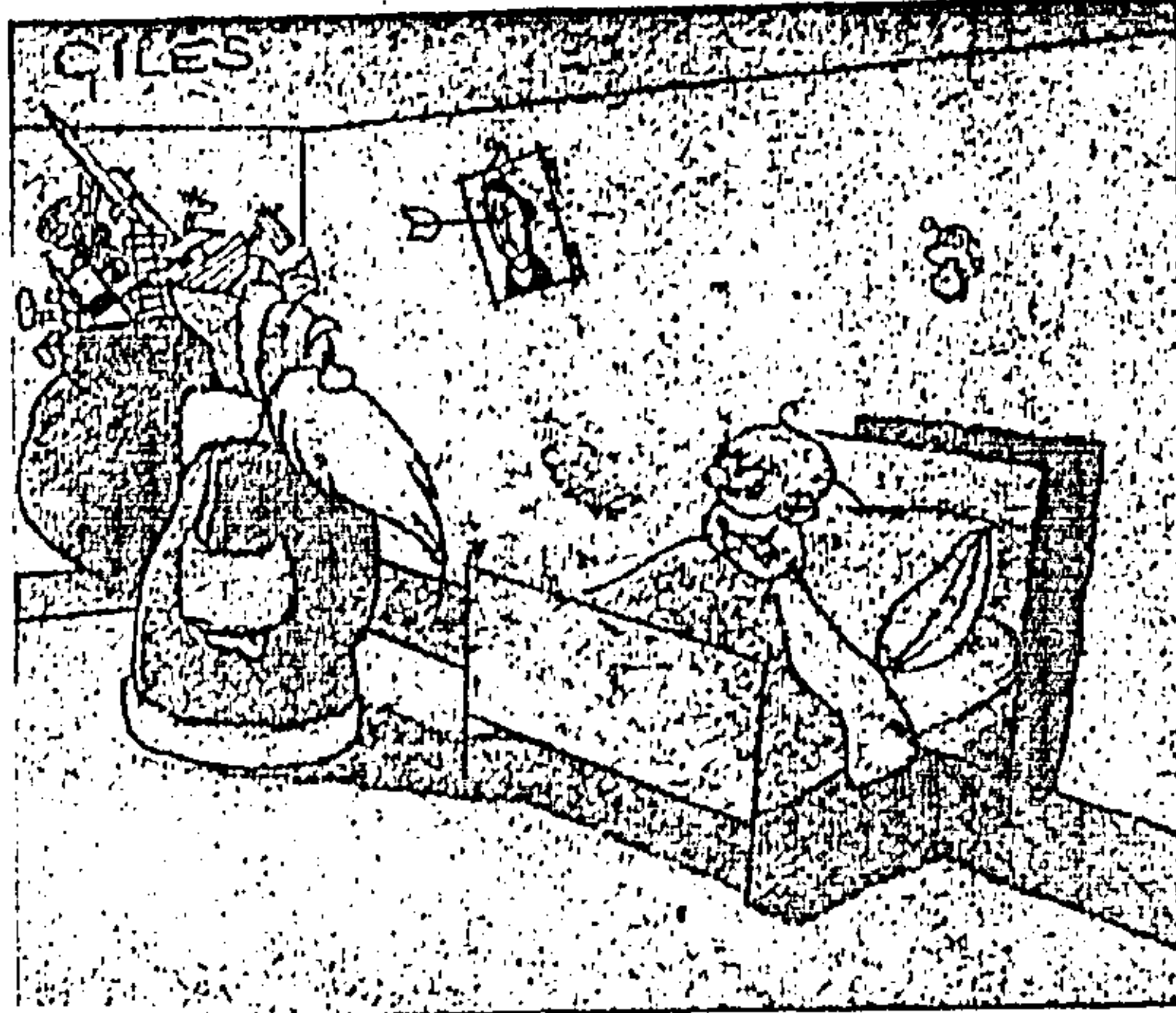
I do not know how long it has to remain an incident before it becomes an occurrence. But I understand that if you conquer a

Many will be in want this New Year
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country by an incident instead of by a war, you call it an event, not a colony.

A correspondent to the "Observer" says he is convinced that "one of the main causes of the decline of the birth-rate is the military dictator, More-Bellshin, is lack of domestic servants."

Seeing that only a tiny minority of women ever have servants, this statement is a little obscure until you realise that the lad is referring



He might try the Christmas stocking of a deserving journalist.

only to people who matter.

What he means is—Ladies won't have children because they can't get enough women to wait on them.

MR. STUART CLOETE, the novelist, says that it's only in London, Paris, or New York that a man can live the simple life.

Life in the country, he says, is a bitter struggle to wring a bare livelihood from a recalcitrant soil. What he likes is a service flat in a great city, "where the amenities make life simple and pleasant."

Yus. And where an army of engineers, electricians, plumbers, gas-fitters, servants, cooks, waitresses, shop-assistants, postmen, busmen, railmen, policemen, taximen, lorry-drivers, builders, carpenters, liftmen, doorkeepers, bell-boys, and other discreetly invisible species of submen struggle to

wring a bare livelihood from a vast and complicated mechanized puzzle, in order to make life simple and pleasant in a service flat, and provide the occupants with the food that comes from the recalcitrant soil.

Bzz! Yesir! Straightaway, sir. Here you! A whisky and soda for Number 42, and make it snappy!

HUNDREDS of residents around Esher have protested against the proposed new Esher by-pass

road. They fear it will cut across the local commons.

They cannot stop the march of progress. In the old days we only used to enclose the commons. Now we cut them up.

"MOTORISTS are selfish because our roads are so bad. Remove their inadequacy and the necessity for selfish behaviour will vanish. Any driver with a long journey before him is forced to be inconsiderate because of the continual delays and obstructions of our road system."—Letter to a dai-

We shall all sympathise with this poor man who, with the best will in the world, is prevented from behaving properly because he can never start out early enough.

We all know how galling it is to a man of refined habits and humane instincts to be forced, when sprinting for his morning train, to push an old woman under a bus because she gets in the way.

As I told the Magistrate last time I was had up for manslaughter, any late riser with a sprint before him is forced to be inconsiderate because of the delays and obstructions of our pavement system.

"Remove everybody else," I said, "and the necessity for unselfish behaviour will vanish."

BABIES VERSUS CIRCUMSTANCES

(To the Editor, "Sunday Herald") Sir,—In the first place let me call your attention to the fact of your deletion most probably for reasons of space of more than a paragraph from my letter which you were kind enough to publish on Dec. 5, 1937. This, as you must have seen, opened me to the charge of having been ingenuous and of having said things without sufficient reasons to back them up. So please oblige me by inserting the following three paragraphs of that letter—three because the context was still and still is of the utmost importance to clearing up the matter under discussion at that time:—

DELETED PARAGRAPHS:

"Let us contrast the continence method (of birth prevention) with the contraceptive method. The continence method won't have the lawful pleasure of the conjugal privilege, which, please God, is ultimately a baby. It wants both or patiently forgoes both. On the other hand, the contraceptive method wants that pleasure and will have none of the natural result. It certainly wants and tries to shirk the responsibility of getting a baby. Therefore attention here is concentrated on pleasure only; and soon the momentum of pleasure and the lust for it lead to loss of all self-control. You can't have the pleasure without having to accept the responsibility. In so far as continence builds and strengthens self-control, by so much does contraception undermine and kill it."

"So when those western 'progressives' and a small band of their supporters in Hong Kong want to teach contraception to the European community here and our poor, it is equivalent to wanting to show them the way to lose their self-control, their character and their health. At the same time they have had the audacity to proclaim 'with tongue in cheek' that they are trying to help the poor. The unpleasant truth is that they are really trying to ruin the poor, to make their lot worse confounded and even to exterminate them (let me add, as human beings like us) by 'atomizing' the source from which they, these droves of humanity (sic), flow, leaving the selfish rich, of course, to ho ho ho! of all they survey."

"The chief mistake that these self-styled 'progressives' and 'moderns' have made is to place human nature too high. After all, for all their vaunted 'progress' and 'intelligence,' they have not appeared to me so modern as to remember that there was a Fall in the Garden of Eden in which human nature also fell. People who claim to be modern and progressive should at least have the modernity to remember that Fall and many other things besides, even if it were merely for the purpose of refuting them. If human nature had not fallen with that Fall, contraception might be able to do untold wonders in the world. As a consequence of this big blunder of

theirs, I for one don't believe in these western 'progressives' much. They are not modern enough."

RELIGION HAS NOT FAILED. Will J.B. please take note that Religion has not failed; and that the apparent failure of Christianity has been due not to Christianity itself, but to certain Christians who have not been practising their religious-social duties.

When J.B. has seen one, two, three, four or even more religions fail he concludes that all religions have failed. He has perhaps seen some branches of Protestantism failing. It is true that Protestantism has been failing and boiling itself down to neopaganism. But that does not mean that all Christianity is now an empty egg-shell or just going to be. Catholicism, the Catholic Church, the true Christianity, is still marching on as strong as ever like the proverbial Johnnie Walker. In fact, Catholicism has been marching on for over nineteen hundred years, ever ancient, ever new.

Now suppose certain Christians, through recklessness, carelessness, pusillanimity or some other reason, don't practice, as they actually don't, what Christianity has all along been teaching, whose fault is it? Does J.B. expect Christianity to change the ideal it presents to mankind in every age just to suit our whims and the vagaries of our minds and hearts? Unfortunately Protestantism in general has been doing this. That is why you see babies increasingly regarded by certain Protestants as if they were manufactured articles. Not so the Catholic Church in such an important life-and-death matter.

J.B. talks such a lot about Christianity being on the side of the selfish rich, on the side of the capitalists, as against the poor. Let him just look round this Colony only, and he will find the refutation of his statement in the numerous charitable organisations run by Christians, both Protestants and Catholics.

If certain Christians get selfishly rich, does J.B. expect Christianity to go among them with an automatic pistol to force them to give up their riches and distribute them to the poor? Christianity preaches charity and love for the poor to them. Does Christianity, in this, favour and abet the capitalist system?

SUMMARY: Contraception is harmful to health and character, because it breaks down self-control.

Contraception is morally unlawful and should be made legally unlawful. The sale of contraceptive instruments and chemicals should be prohibited under a new health law or under existing laws where they are relevant to this matter.

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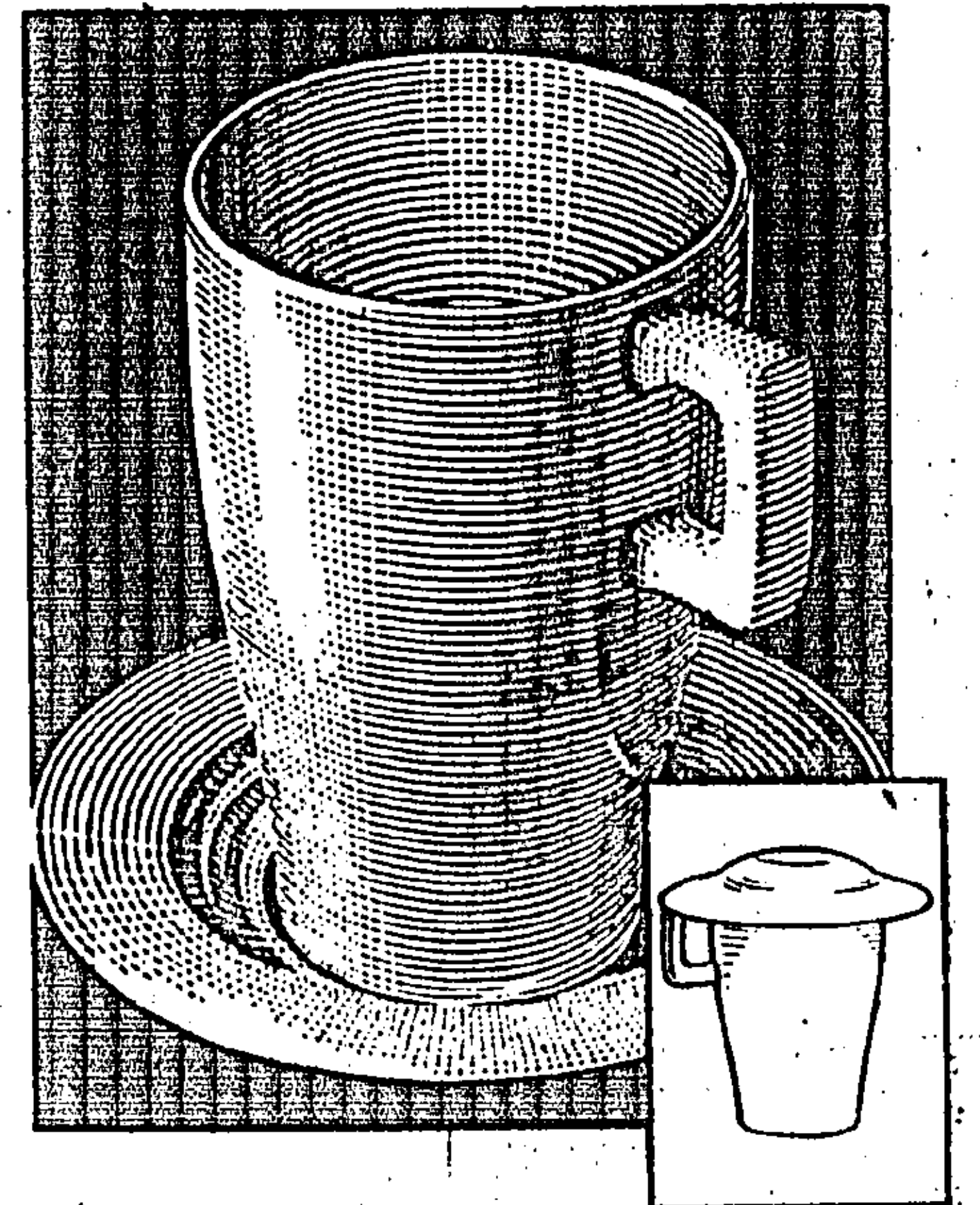
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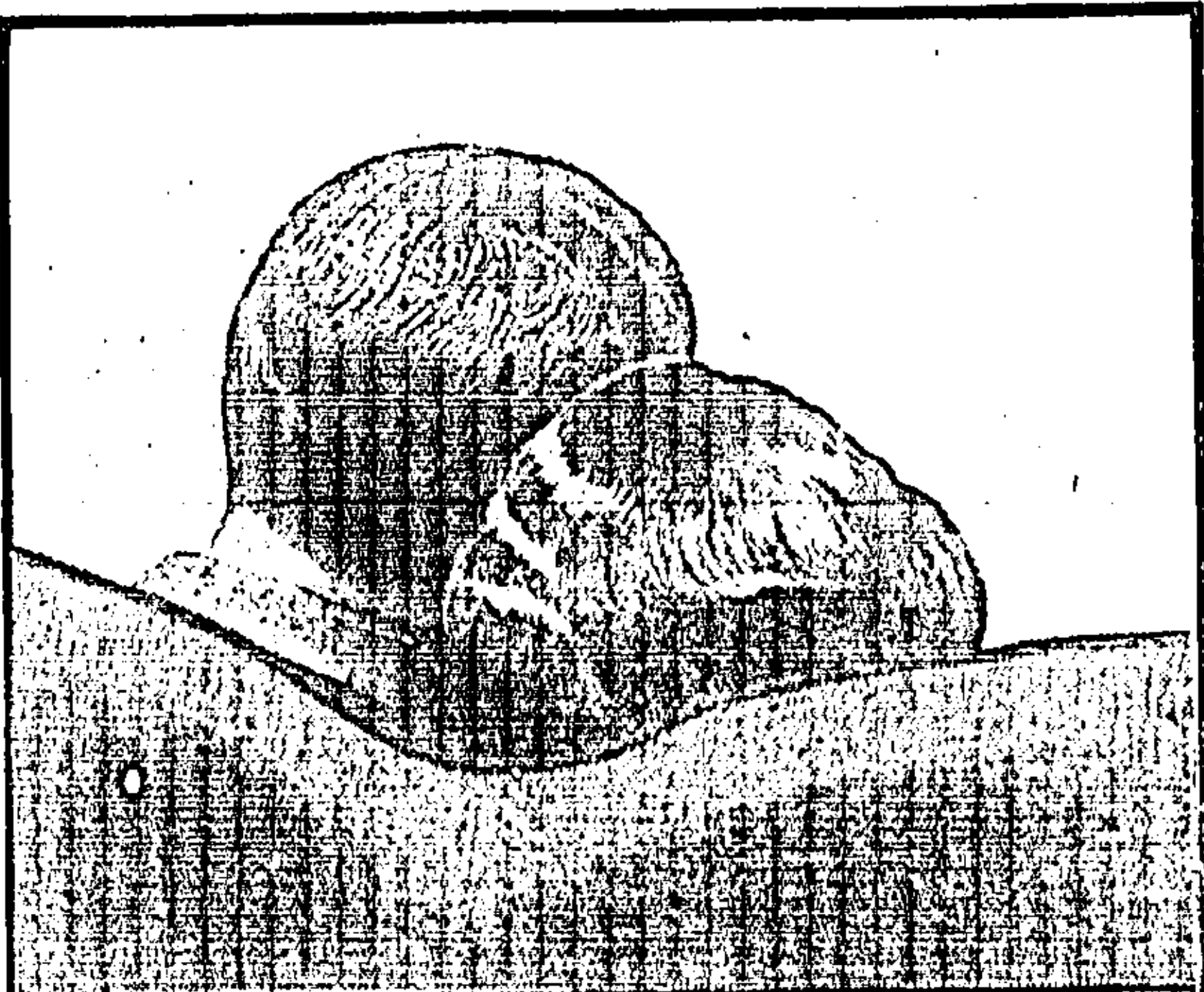
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TEMPORARY CONTROL ESTABLISHED IN TSINGTAO

TWELVE HOUR CURFEW IMPOSED IN CITY

Tsingtao, Yesterday.

Following the departure of the Mayor and garrison commander from Tsingtao, a temporary government composed of twenty-five prominent Chinese, has been formed for the purpose of maintaining order until the Japanese troops arrive.

The Consular Body played a leading part in formation of the new administration, whose first act was to impose a twelve-hour curfew from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

CHINESE POLICE RETURN

With their safety guaranteed Tsinanfu and loss of the Tsinanfu by Theodore Antoschowitz, who, fu-Tientsin Railway, the port of Tsingtao Police since the days of the German occupation which ended in 1914, 130 Chinese police who deserted yesterday, have returned and are now helping to extinguish the fire in the Japanese silk mill.

Meanwhile, according to reports from Hankow, the attention of the Chinese Government is centred on the fate of Tsingtao.

NO IMPORTANCE

Although the port is important for the export trade of Shantung, it is not believed that special efforts will be made to defend the city.

It is stated that with the fall of

SKIRMISHES

At present only skirmishes between patrols are reported along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway south of Tsinanfu, where the Chinese forces are occupying positions among the hills between Tang-chinghuang and Kingshan.

A large body of Chinese troops is reported to be concentrated at Chingchun, west of Tsinanfu.—Reuter.

TAIAN THREAT

Hankow, Yesterday. Japanese troops are vigorously attacking Tai'an, in Shantung, fall of which is expected at any moment.

Fall of Weihsien, half way between Tsinanfu and Tsingtao, where the main Chinese defence lines are situated, is rumoured but not yet confirmed.—Reuter.

NEW YEAR PARTY AT GLOUCESTER

Despite the revelry of New Year's Eve, a large crowd yet managed to find the energy to further celebrate the New Year at the Gloucester Hotel last night.

Don and Dolly, the talented Spanish dancers, who have already earned for themselves a big reputation with the Hong Kong public, were the major attraction, while lively music provided dancers with all the incentive they required.

DINNER DANCE AT KOWLOON TONG

Gaily illuminated for the occasion, the Kowloon Tong Club opened their 1938 social season last night with a Chinese dinner dance.

Almost 100 people sat down to dinner, while an equal number arrived afterwards to dance to the strains of Micky's Melody Makers.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Henry Chan, the Hon. Secretary.

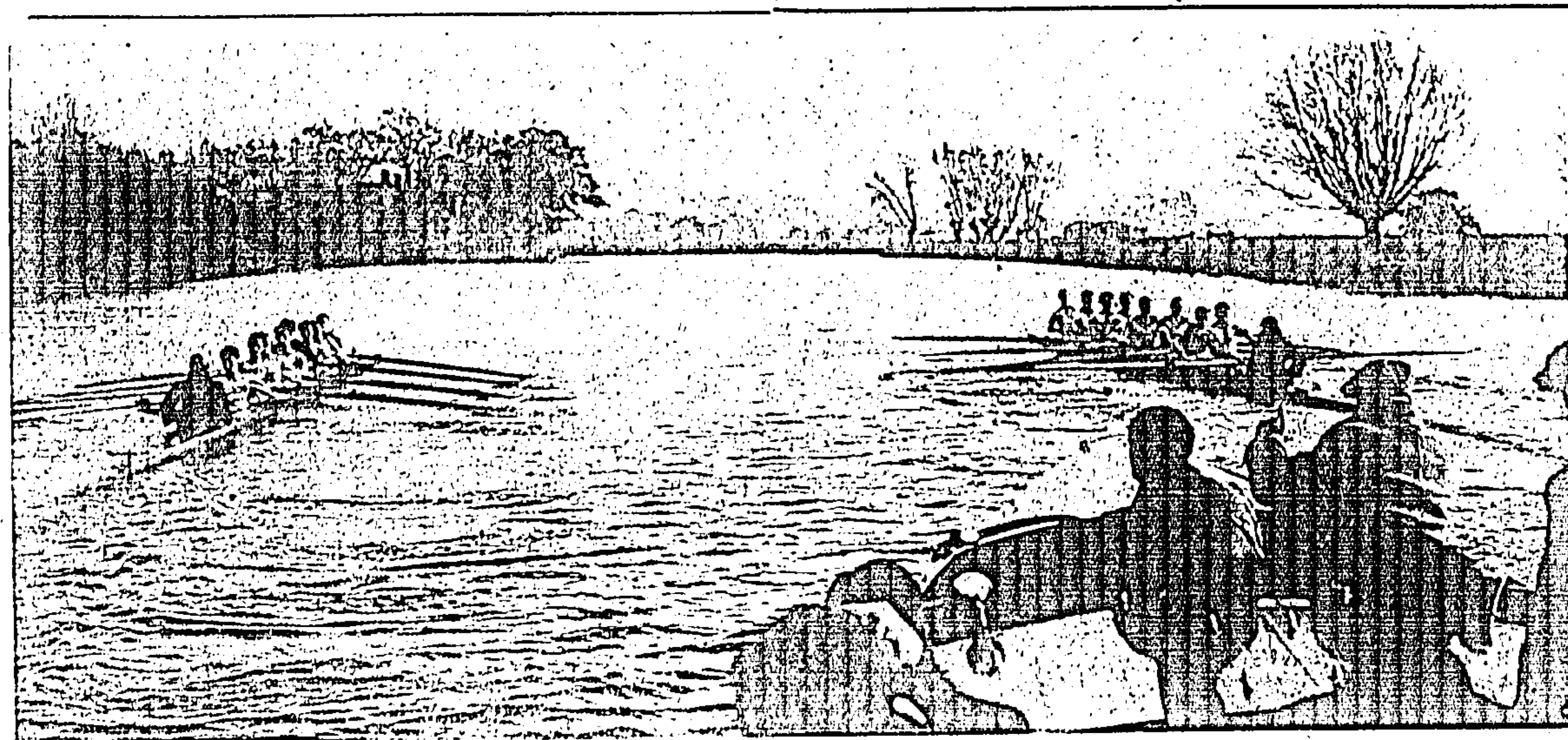
WAH YAN PAST STUDENTS HOLD AT HOME

Wah Yan Past Students' Association held an "At Home" at the College Hall last night, which was packed to capacity.

Among those present were:—Messrs. Ko Fook-sun, president of the Association, Lim Hoy Lan, former Headmaster of the College and many prominent guests.

The programme began with Chinese Music rendered by the "Silver Star Musical Society". Miss Rose A. Lim delighted the audience with selections on the piano.

Under the direction of Rev. Fr. Craig, S.J., scenes from Macbeth by Shakespeare were staged by students of the College. Accompanied by suitable scenery, realistic acting and Shakespearean atmosphere, the players acquitted themselves magnificently.



J. C. Cherry, President of the Oxford University Boat Club photographed in the launch coaching Trial Eight crews on the Thames at Oxford, during practice for the race at Henley. (Fox Copyright).

Babies' Clothing Sent For Use Of Wounded Soldiers!

COMIC SIDE TO SERIOUS BUSINESS OF HONG KONG WAR RELIEF WORK

The outstanding role played by Chinese relief organisations in Hong Kong in what has become virtually a worldwide movement to aid wounded and refugees in China, was described to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday by Dr. C. Y. Wu, special delegate in the Colony of the National Red Cross Society of China.

Dr. Wu, whose function in Hong Kong is that of special agent to receive medical supplies and arrange for their transshipment to the various war fronts, spoke in enthusiastic fashion of the co-operation and assistance given by relief bodies in the Colony.

"Without them," he declared, "my task would have been well-nigh impossible," and stated that a full measure of co-ordination had now been achieved and that the flow of medical supplies of all kinds to China was now proceeding smoothly.

Hong Kong's help alone, Mr. Wu revealed, has led to complete equipment of a base hospital capable of coping with 5,000 wounded, and among the several thousand cases of much needed supplies despatched to China have been X-ray sets,

surgical equipment, medicines, biologicals, field and hospital dressings and anaesthetics.

CIVILIANS' FLIGHT

Apart from medical equipment, one of the most pressing problems confronting the Chinese authorities is the terrible plight of civilian refugees in the many war zones.

Tens of thousands of homeless people are now fleeing before the advance of the Japanese armies, and their sufferings are far worse than anything experienced in China's many famines and floods in the past.

To provide some measure of relief for these pitiful sufferers from the scourge of modern warfare, is the urgent task confronting the National Government.

CLOTHING NEEDS

Here too, Hong Kong Chinese have been, and still are, doing their bit in an endeavour to ameliorate the condition of their destitute countrymen whose fate it has been to suffer in one of the greatest mass shifts of population in history.

Old clothing is an important item, and many and varied have been the articles received. The problem of transportation in this connection has been very difficult but various local charitable and lay organisations have been able to supply the needs of the refugee population nearer home.

BABIES' WEAR

Much of the clothing, especially consignments from tropical countries, is unsuitable for refugees shivering under the cold biting winds of the North, but has proved welcome, however, to those who have to make shift with straw and paper as protection against the elements.

The element of humour has not been absent from Dr. Wu's work. Accompanying one consignment

was a special request from the donors that it be sent to wounded soldiers in base hospitals. When opened in Hong Kong, the parcel revealed a remarkable collection of millinery, high-heeled women's shoes, petticoats and even babies' wear.

NURSING PROBLEM

Another aspect of Dr. Wu's duties has to do with medical and nursing personnel for the base hospitals and mobile units in the war areas. The war caught China inadequately prepared for the treatment of large numbers of seriously wounded resulting from high explosive bombs and shells.

The existing organisation was quickly overhauled, and experienced surgeons and trained nurses and dressers were rapidly recruited from among civilians who felt the urge to do their bit.

Unfortunately, in the early days, enthusiasm and patriotism went ahead of careful planning and knowledge of the actual conditions of war service. Thus, many nurses, especially women, volunteered for service who possessed only the rudiments of training and in a few cases, were either physically or temperamentally unfitted to stand the rigorous discipline of the war camp.

WAR NEUROSES

Groups of these women were sent up by relief or charitable organisations in Shanghai, Canton and Hong Kong without adequate preparation, and consultation with the responsible authorities. Nurtured in the quiet backwater of peaceful cities, and accustomed to regular habits of life and work, these girls went up to face terrible war conditions equipped with ninety per cent enthusiasm and a modicum of knowledge of war realities. It is not surprising that a few should break down. War neuroses are not encountered only among soldiers at the front. As a matter of fact, one of the most remarkable features of the present hostilities is the striking rarity of shell-shock among Chinese soldiers.

BITTER EXPERIENCE

The authorities, as a result of bitter experience in the early stages of the war, do not now encourage female nurses to volunteer. Only the fully-trained, well-disciplined and physically fit are acceptable. Besides the disabilities referred to above, female nurses, even if trained and otherwise equipped, are at a disadvantage in a rapid war of movement where the base hospital may find itself in the front line almost overnight.

Yet, in spite of these drawbacks, the record of the nursing personnel on the whole has been an enviable one. Both doctors and nurses who went up to serve from Hong Kong and Canton have, by their devotion to duty, added a glorious page to the medical history of South China.

PENANG UNIT

Hong Kong is not alone in its efforts on behalf of suffering hu-

WAR CORRESPONDENTS IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Reuter's Man Killed On Teruel Front

Shell Burst In Front Of Car

Paris, Yesterday.

Details of the tragic accident on the Teruel front, in which a press car was trapped in an artillery barrage in the village of Cauda, resulting in the deaths of Mr. E. R. S. Sheepshears, Reuter's correspondent, and Mr. Bradish Johnson, of the American magazine "Spur," are given by the special correspondent of Havas, the French news agency.

Mr. Neil, correspondent of the Associated Press of America, was severely wounded, and Mr. H. A. R. Philby, London "Times" correspondent, received a slight head wound.

Insurgent troops were advancing through Cauda, six miles outside Teruel, after a preliminary artillery barrage.

CAUGHT IN FIRE

The Government artillery had just begun to reply when five cars bringing a number of foreign journalists to witness the battle, arrived in the village and found themselves under intermittent Government fire.

A shell suddenly exploded a yard in front of the leading car, in which the above correspondents were travelling.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

The car was completely wrecked, Mr. Johnson being killed instantly and Mr. Sheepshears being very badly wounded in the head and arm. He was rushed to military hospital unconscious and died in the evening.

The following cars escaped damage but while the journalists' colleagues were engaged in extracting the victims, another shell burst twenty yards away, hitting five soldiers.—Reuter.

FRENCH NAVAL MEN AT LOCAL CONCERT

A very pleasant function took place last night when the French Community, in collaboration with the Sailors and Soldiers Home, entertained petty officers and sailors of the visiting French light cruiser, Dumont d'Urville.

The hall was very tastefully decorated with the Union Jack and Tricolour entwined to form the keynote.

The entertainment took the form of a combined cabaret and revue in which several very well-known local artists were featured.

The programme opened with "Three Miniature Artists" who gave a delightful rendering of the ever popular French Chansonnets "Le Tambourinier" which was followed by Mr. W. A. Simpson's very humorous Hyde Park Orator who got over the language difficulty without much difficulty amidst roars from the crowded hall.

This was followed by a delightful number by Little Gretchen, of Amsterdam, who sang and danced with delight "On The Good Ship Lollypop." Willy Forsyth as Popeye the Sailor Man next gave a charming act with 14 of his "daughters," little Miss Betty "Lee, as his youngest "daughter" and leading lady, giving an outstanding performance.

Miss Nora Flint, violin, and Mrs. Griggs, piano, then contributed towards the more serious side of the programme which was followed by an act by Miss Personality, which was repeatedly encored, and which was followed by the song "Sugar Plum."

During the interval, supper was served to the guests during which period M. Renner, the French Vice-Consul, took the opportunity to distribute silver souvenir spoons to the guests and artists on behalf of the French Community.

FATAL FALL

Admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital, Leung Shui-fuk, aged 18, suffering from internal injuries as a result of falling down the hold of a cargo boat onto some kerosene tins, died soon after admission yesterday.

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JEWISH EMIGRATION REPORT DENIED

Paris, Yesterday.
An official denial has been issued in Paris of press reports that France and Poland had reached an agreement for settlement of 1,500 Jewish emigrants in Madagascar.
The report first appeared in the London "Evening Standard."
—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN WATCHING EGYPT

London, Yesterday.
"One of our most important tasks is strengthening of the army, navy and air force," declared the new Egyptian Premier, Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha, in a telephonic conversation with the "News Chronicle" in London.

In answer to a question how the Egyptian people had taken the enforced resignation of Nahas Pasha, the new Premier said that order ruled in Egypt.

The new Government would pursue a liberal policy in order to establish friendly relations with all countries, and especially with Britain.

STRONG HAND

It would be necessary to govern with a strong hand, as the Government was not supported by a majority in the Chamber.

He concluded by saying that it was absurd that Egypt has an army numbering only 11,000.

This, he said, would have to be increased to at least 60,000, and a reserve of a similar strength created.—Trans-Ocean.

"TIMES" COMMENT

London, Yesterday.
The Egyptian constitutional crisis is commented upon by all the London newspapers.

"The Times" says that the next phase will be marked by negotiations between the Palace and the Wafd Party, which will be watched in England with a feeling of anxiety.

After expressing the hope that the new Cairo Government will proceed in constitutional fashion, "The Times" warns public opinion in England against taking sides in the Egyptian dispute, though at the same time the journal lends support to King Farouk's insistence on dissolution of the Blue Shirts.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN'S POSITION IN LADYBIRD INCIDENT

London, Yesterday.

Comments on the Japanese Note regarding the Ladybird incident uniformly draw attention to the discrepancy between Tokyo's genuine wishes and the army's uncontrollable acts.

The "Daily Telegraph" says there is no need to embarrass the unfortunate Japanese Foreign Office by further examination of the explanations they have received concerning Wuhu, and Japanese diplomats doubtless are doing all they can.

We have a guarantee, says the journal, but will it be effective?—Reuter.

TOKYO CONTENT

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Satisfaction with the tone of the British Note acknowledging the Japanese reply to the British protest against the attacks on British ships in the Yangtze, was expressed yesterday by a spokesman of the Foreign Office.

The spokesman said: "It indeed is to be deplored that these unfortunate incidents have occurred, but it is a matter for congratulation that they have been settled amicably through the traditional spirit of friendship between Japan and Britain, supported by the calm and sincere attitude adopted by both countries."

The text of the British Note sent to the Foreign Minister by the British Ambassador, was released for publication yesterday.

BRITISH NOTE

The British Government's Note declares that it has noted with appreciation the assurances given regarding attacks on British warships and merchantmen, and has learned with satisfaction that the statement contained in the Japanese Note of Dec. 14 will apply to merchantmen as well as warships.

His Majesty's Government, the document proceeds, is bound to observe that its information regarding the circumstances of the attacks, "notably, for instance, the point regarding visibility," is at variance with the Japanese.

The British Government, however, note with satisfaction that the Japanese Government has taken, or is prepared to take, the necessary measures to deal suitably with the officers responsible for the incidents, and to prevent repetition.

Regarding the latter, the Note adds that his Majesty's Government consider that details of the measures and their effective application may suitably form the subject of further conversations in which no doubt it will be informed of the actual steps decided.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL TEXT OF BRITISH NOTE

London, Yesterday.

Following is the text of the Note to the Japanese Government in reply to the Japanese Note of 28th December, delivered by Sir Robert Craigie in Tokyo:—

"I have the honour, on instructions from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, to inform Your Excellency that they have noted with appreciation the assurances contained in Your Excellency's Note of 28th December in connection with the attacks on British warships and merchant shipping on 12th December, and have learnt with satisfaction that the statements contained in your Note of December 14th apply to the merchant vessels concerned as well as to the warships."

"His Majesty's Government are bound to observe that their information in regard to the circumstances in which the attacks took place—notably, for instance, on the point of visibility—is at variance with that of the Japanese Government."

"His Majesty's Government note, however, with satisfaction that the Japanese Government have taken or are prepared to take the necessary measures to deal suitably with the officers responsible for these incidents and to prevent any repetition."

"As regards the latter, His Majesty's Government consider the details of these measures and their effective application may suitably form the subject of further conversations in the course of which they do not doubt they will be informed of the actual steps decided upon."—British Wireless.

WARSPITE TO JOIN FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN

London, Yesterday.

The battleship H.M.S. Warspite, reconstructed at a cost of \$2,250,000, goes to the Mediterranean on January 4, when there will then be three battleships (H.M.S. Barham, H.M.S. Malaya and H.M.S. Warspite) and two battle cruisers (H.M.S. Hood and H.M.S. Repulse) in the Mediterranean.

The brand-new cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham is now being fitted out preparatory to joining the China Squadron.

Although no large additions to the British Squadron in the Far East at present are contemplated, it is understood that such could easily be arranged if necessary.—Reuter.

REUTER'S MAN KILLED

Hendaye, Yesterday.

Reuter's special correspondent, Mr. E. R. S. Sheepshanks, was killed yesterday while motoring to observe the battle in the Teruel area.

An American correspondent, Mr. Johnson, of the magazine "Spur," was also killed, while Mr. Neil, of the "Associated Press," was wounded in the leg.

It is understood that the car suffered a direct hit by a shell. It was undoubtedly a sheer accident.—Reuter.



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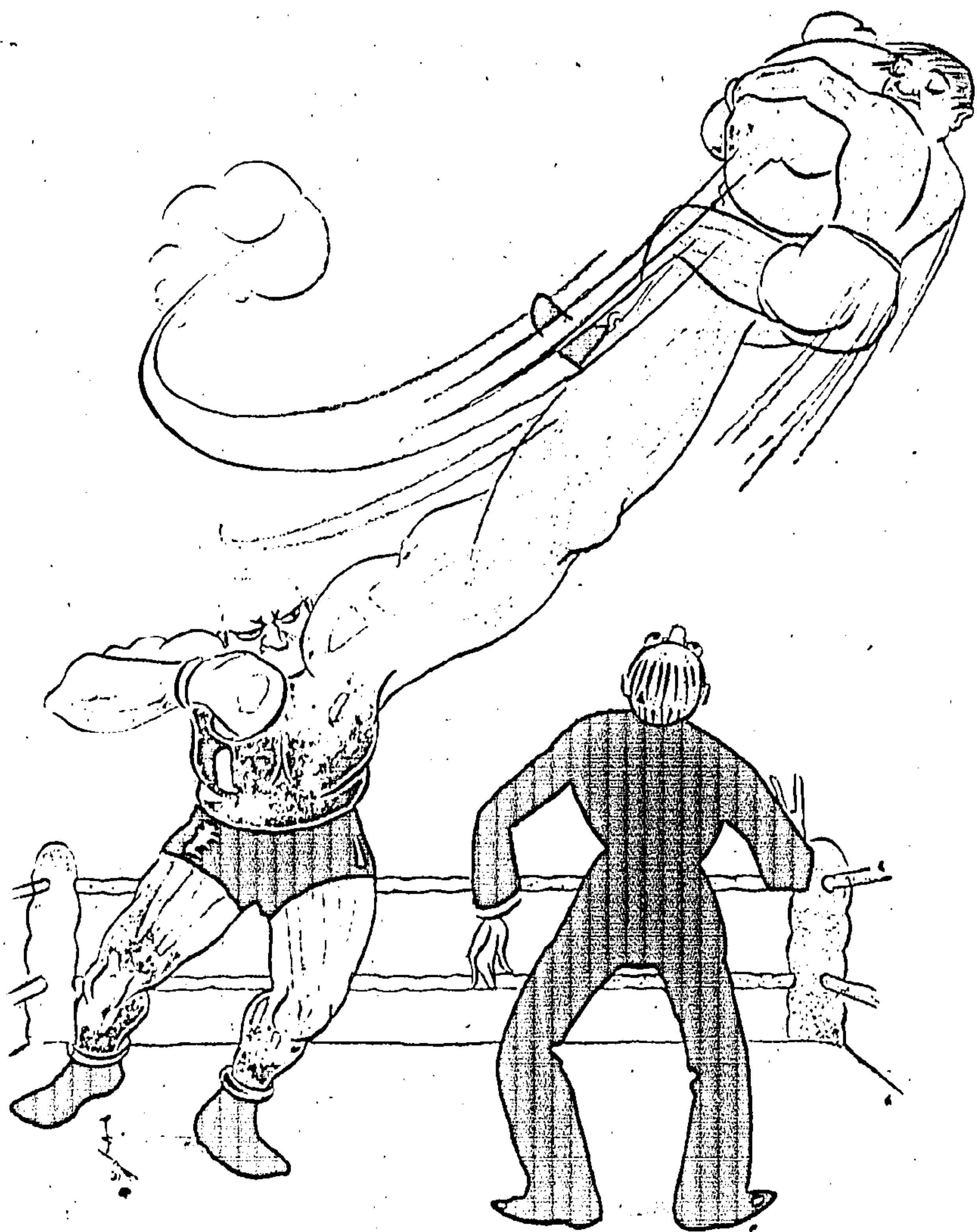
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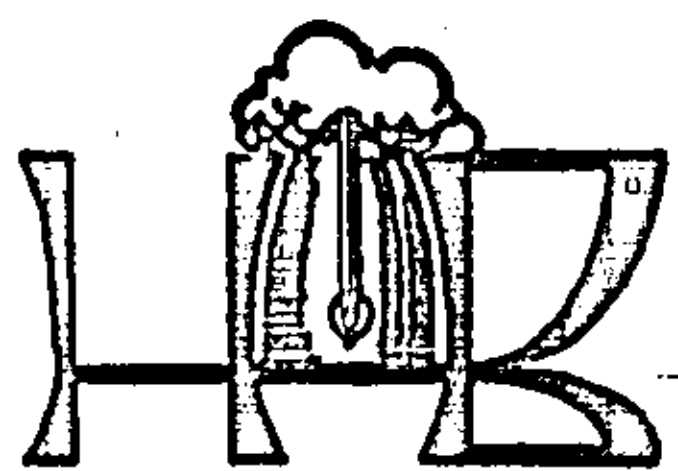


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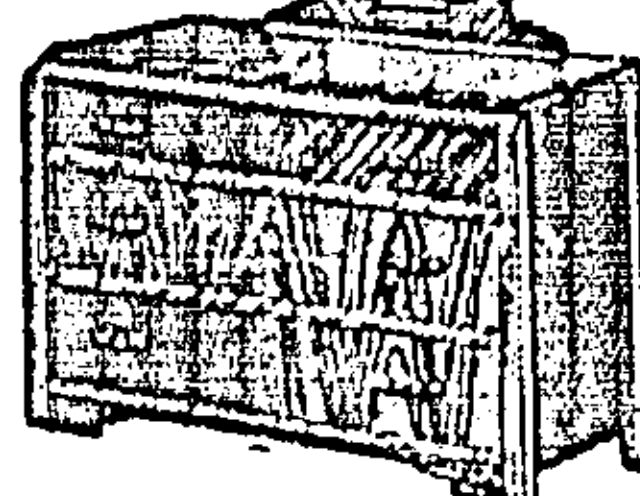
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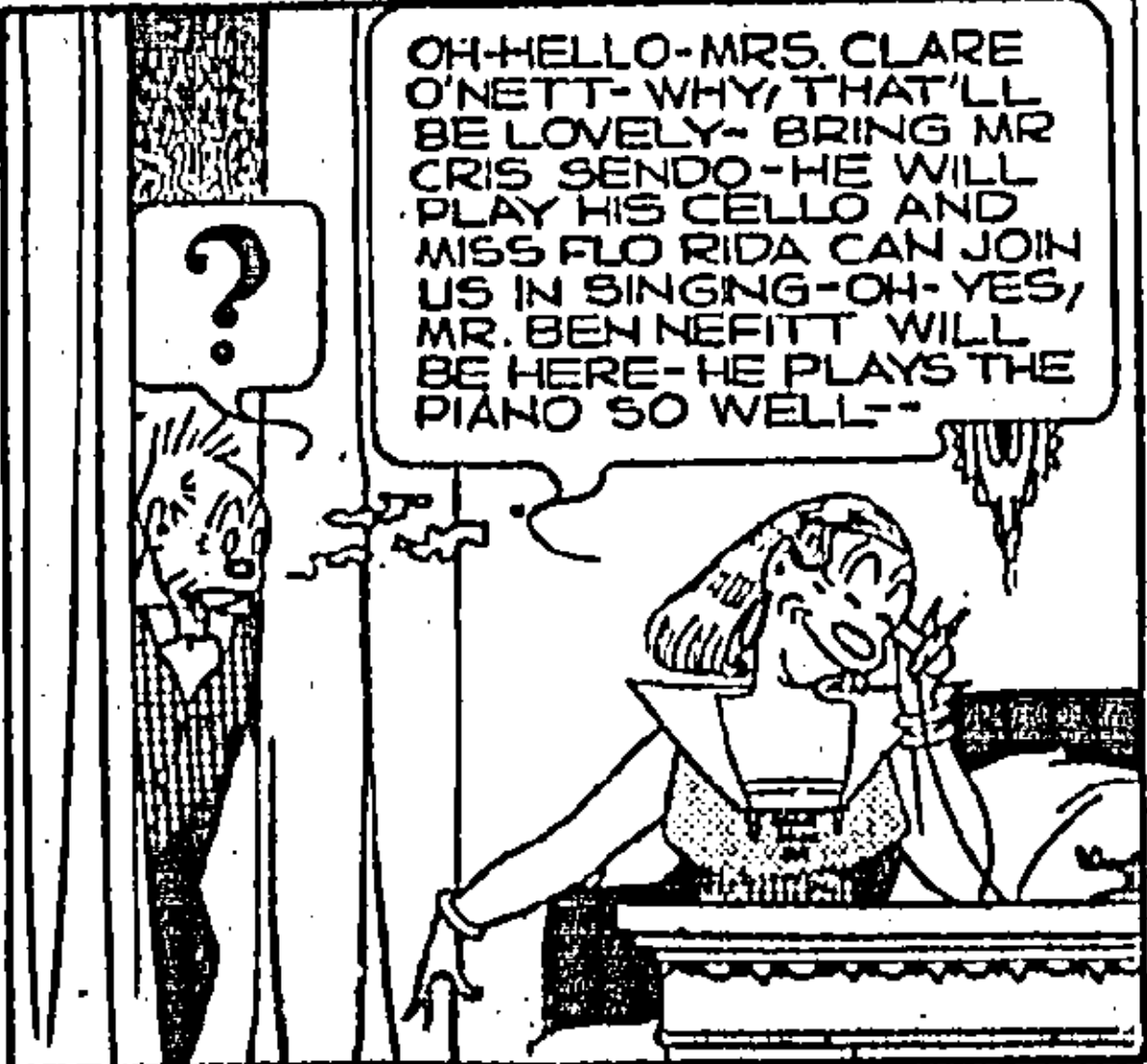
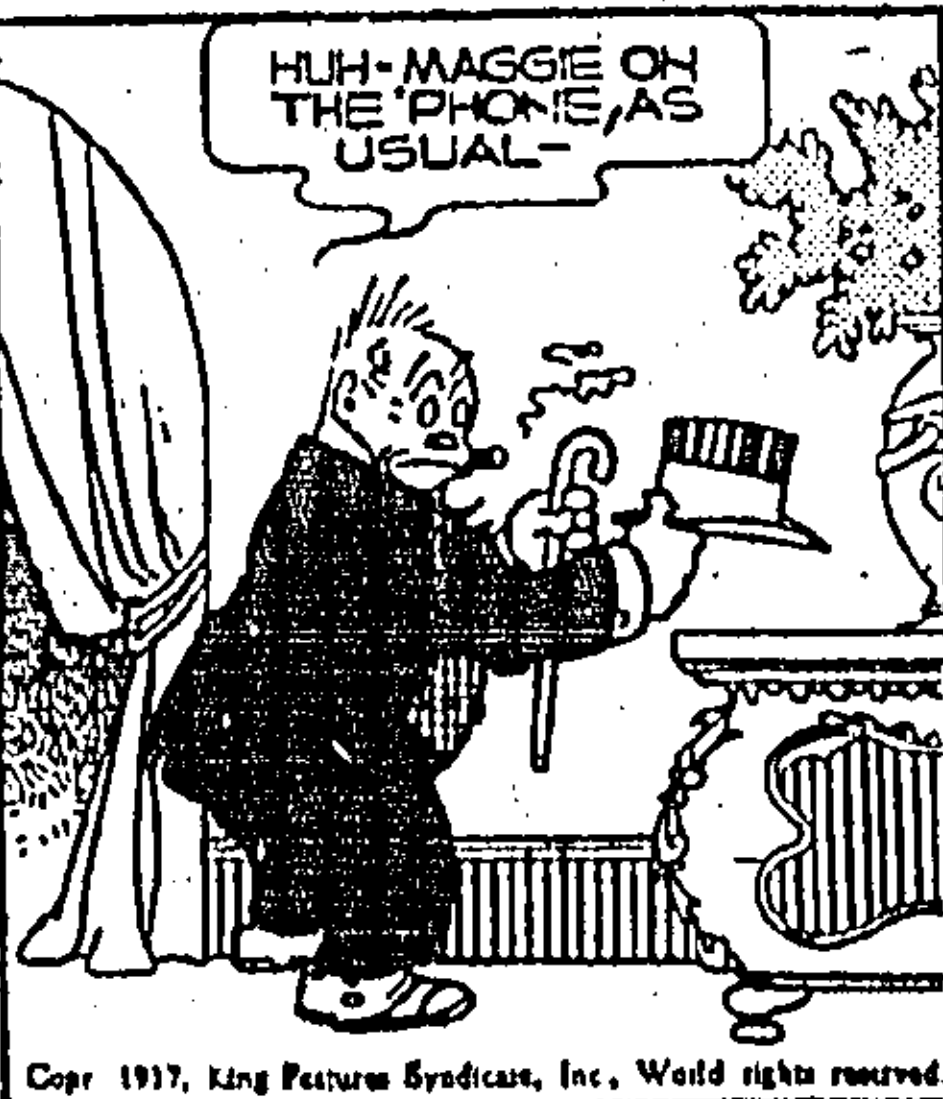
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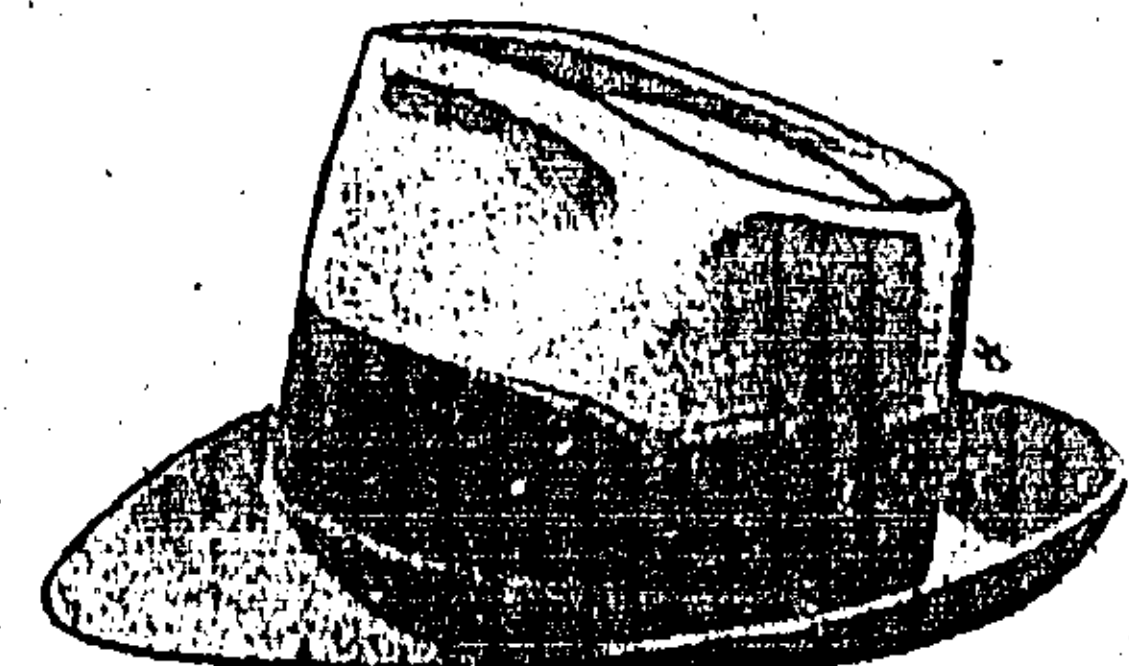
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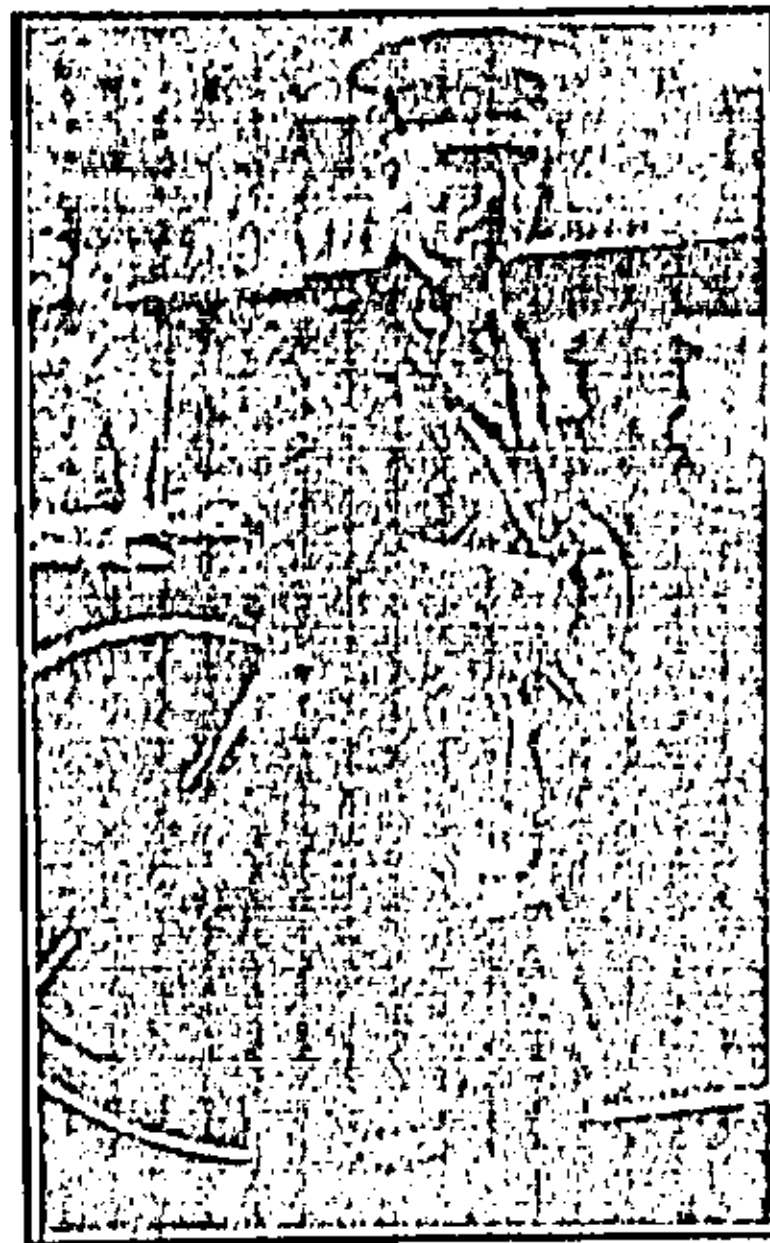
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C.B.E. FOR HON. MR. T.N. CHAU; O.B.E. FOR MAJOR M.A. JOHNSON

KING'S POLICE MEDAL FOR HON. MR. T.H. KING

Hong Kong does not figure prominently in the New Year Honours List, which includes the names of only three local residents, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, and Major M. A. Johnson.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, well-known unofficial Chinese member of the Legislative Council, long prominent in public affairs in the Colony, receives the C.B.E.

Major Johnson has been awarded the O.B.E., and the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, receives the King's Police Medal.

Also of special interest to Hong Kong are honours bestowed on

Major-General Telfer-Smollett, commander of the British Defence Forces in Shanghai, who is made a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Mr. J. L. Dodds, Counsellor of the British Embassy in Tokyo, who receives the C.M.G.,

Brigadier A. H. Hopwood, commander of the British Troops in Tientsin, who has been made a Companion of the Order of the Bath,

appointment she held until 1931. She was selected by the Universities of China Committee to visit China as Lecturer in 1933/34. — British Wireless.

MISS MARGERY FRY AS B.B.C. GOVERNOR

London, Yesterday. The King has approved the appointment of Miss Margery Fry to be a Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the next five years, succeeding Mrs. Mary Hamilton whose term has expired.

During the war, Miss Fry went to France with the Quaker Mission for two and half years, working in the devastated districts. In 1919 she was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Penal Reform League, which shortly afterwards was amalgamated with the Howard Association and, in 1926, returned to Somerville College as Principal, an

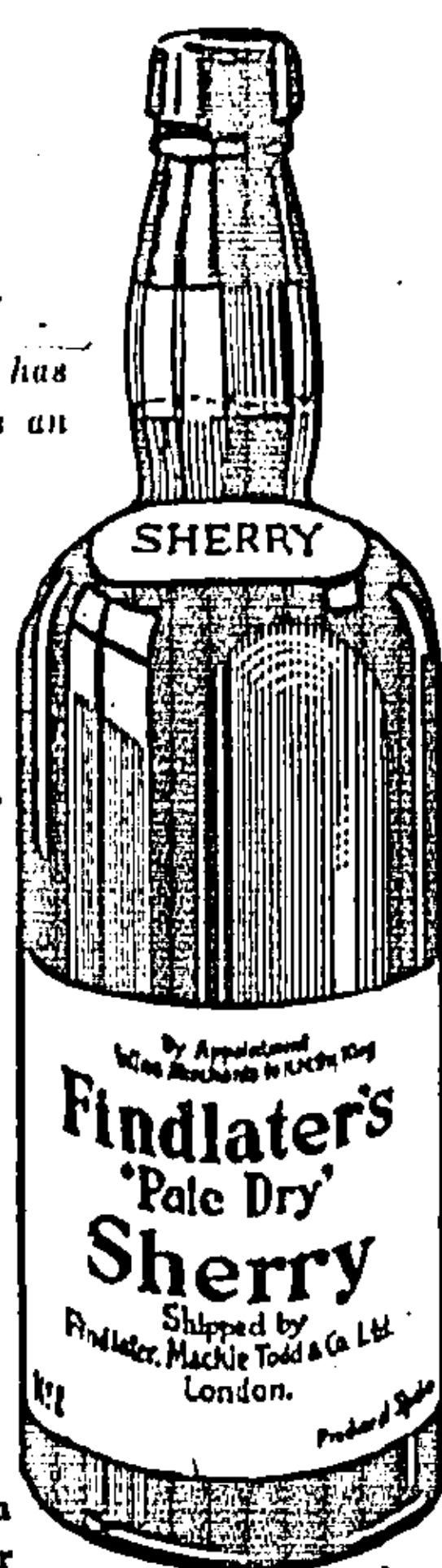
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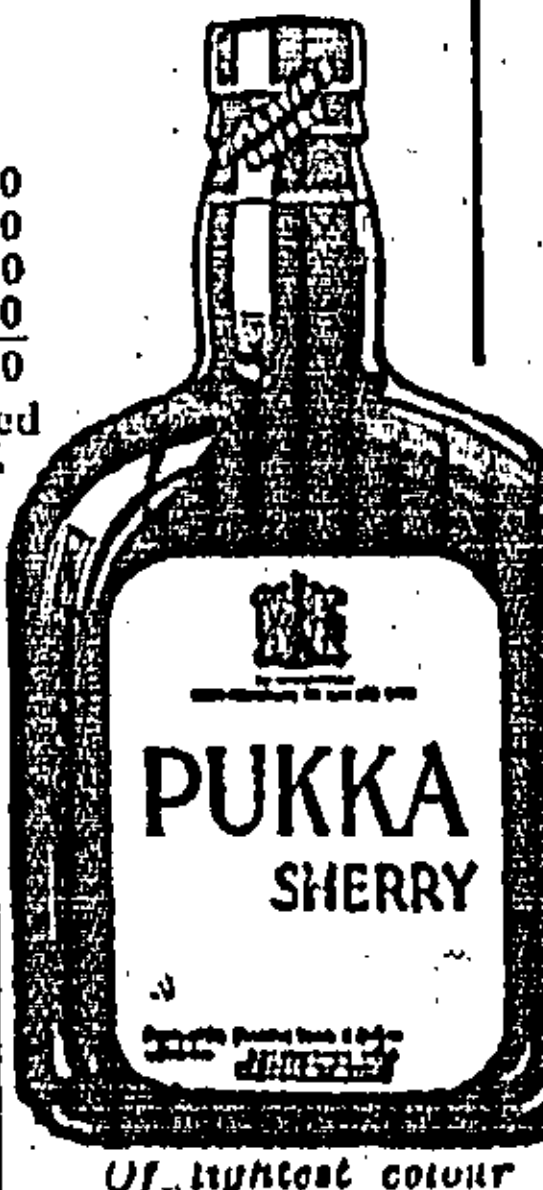
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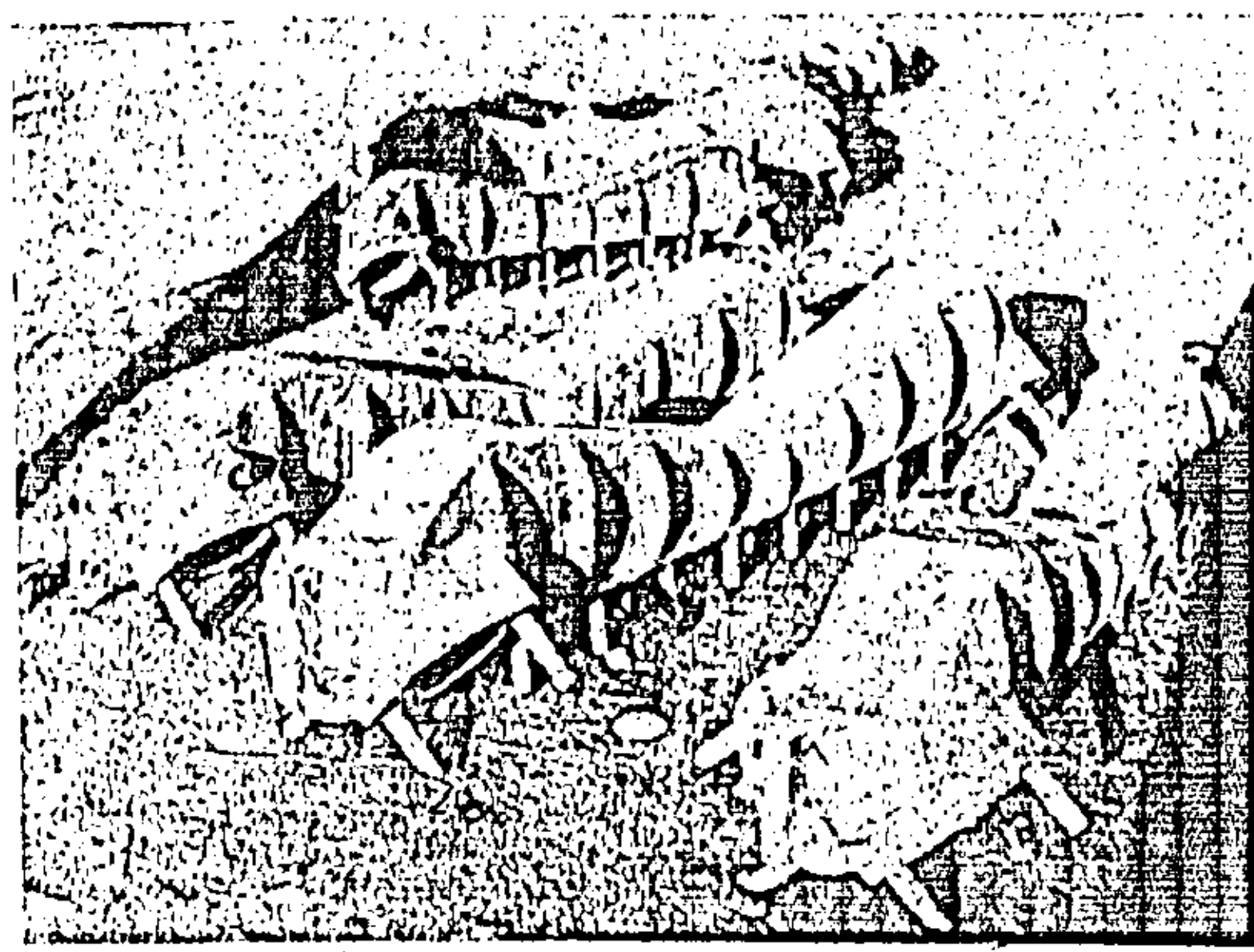
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POLICE XMAS PARTY

All ranks from sergeant to Commissioner of Police were seen at play yesterday afternoon at the Valley, where the Annual Children's Christmas Party of the Hong Kong Police Recreation Club took place.

With numerous attractive side-shows the party was converted into a miniature carnival. Games were indulged in by both the children and junior and senior members of the police force, while strains from the band added zest to the party.

There were races for children, women and veterans, while the side-shows consisted of Flamingo Pond, Marble Board, Telling The Donkey, Ball in Eye (for Children) and Crazy Golf and Coconut Shy (for Women).



To-day's mystery picture. They look like giant caterpillars, but they are really castings for loco-boilers at the G.W.R. works at Swindon. (Fox Copyright).

UNIVERSITY FRENCH CLUB PUBLICATION

We have received a new University publication, "Chanticleer," a magazine with a very pleasing exterior. It is the magazine of the French Club of the University of Hong Kong. Though the Club is the youngest of the University student associations, it can be justly proud of the first issue of the "Chanticleer."

In addition to articles by the students themselves, which show that a surprising number of them seem to have a mastery of the French language, there are very valuable contributions by Mme. Marty, Mr. A. Paterson and M. Savine. Mme. Marty's essay on "A Century of Chinese Influence on French Literature" is a concise, extremely well-written study, and both Chinese and European scholars will greatly appreciate it. Father Savine's article, "Monography of Hainan Island" is not only timely but deals authoritatively with a subject as little exploited. Mr. Paterson's new English version of Moliere's "The Learned Ladies" is a very good interpretation of the French original. I find the inclusion of this translation a very good idea, and if the editors will be able to continue to give us more of these translations of French literature, especially of such works which are not obtainable in English, I foresee a great future for the "Chanticleer."

Among the student's contributions the most ambitious is by Lisette Pierre Morant, "Alfred de Musset" and if the standard of intellect of the students of the Hong Kong University may be judged by this—we take off our hats. Miss Leung Man Wah gives us the English translation of "Sonnet a Helene" by Ronsard. "Ou va le Monde?" by H. T. Thinh shows us how young Asiatics react to the problems of the moment and how eagerly they search for a solution. And there are many other short contributions in French, English and Chinese, impossible to mention in this small space.

There are illustrations of paintings by Francois Geoffroy-Dechaume and Ju Peon. It is altogether a very pleasing production of which the printers can be justly proud. The magazine can be obtained from the French Club of the University for one dollar a copy.

P. J.

HEAVY SACRIFICES IN TERUEL BATTLE

Paris, Yesterday.

All reports from Spain indicate that the battle for Teruel has been, and is, one of the bloodiest of the whole civil war.

Both sides have lost fantastically heavy numbers of men, the Republicans in the actual attack on Teruel, and the Nationalists in the battle among the hills being fought by Gen. Aranda's relief column.

The insurgents predict the relief of Teruel in the next 24 hours, but although the Republicans admit the loss of a few positions to the rebel relieving column, the claim is slightly optimistic.

In Teruel itself, the buildings of the Bank of Spain have been blown up, while the rebels still holding out in the Santa Clara Monastery are now entirely surrounded.—Trans-Ocean.

Unexciting Trip Of Hankow's "Last Train From Madrid"

The "Last Train From Madrid" with 289 evacuees from Hankow arrived in the Colony yesterday morning at about 10.45 a.m. when a giant locomotive drawing 11 coaches pulled into the Kowloon terminal station of the Kowloon Canton Railway where hundreds of people had gathered to greet the last contingent from North China.

The train had a truly international aspect as English, French, German, Russian and American flags adorned the roofs of several of the coaches, while the locomotive was of Czechoslovakian construction by the Skoda firm.

A Committee of three was appointed to look after the welfare of the passengers, these being Engineer Comdr. J. G. Moncrieff, of H.M.S. Bee, Mr. O. von Boddien and Dr. J. C. Thomson.

Eng. Comdr. Moncrieff stated that they made the journey without a hitch probably due to the fact that the Japanese authorities had been given the customary 48 hours' notice. They had left Hankow at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday morning and had taken roughly 48 hours for the journey, which was very pleasant for all.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

They had celebrated the coming of the New Year with songs and drinks in the Saloon, a member of the German community travelling on the train accompanying them on an accordion.

Comdr. Moncrieff stated that there was no question of there not being enough provisions or

fuel for the British Naval gun-boats at Hankow.

Among those who arrived on the train was Baroness Von Falkenhause, wife of the German Military Adviser to the Nanking Government, C.P.O. Hedgeland, R.N., and six French Naval ratings.

Fifty people boarded the train at Changsha.

It is understood that 20 of the evacuees are being accommodated by the Government at the Refugee Centre at the old Central British School.

NO CHANGE IN RUMANIAN FOREIGN POLICY

Bucharest, Yesterday. Two telegrams despatched by the new Rumanian Foreign Minister appear to indicate that no immediate change in the country's traditional foreign policy is contemplated.

The first telegram was sent to the French Foreign Minister, and gave assurances of Rumania's unwavering loyalty to the alliance of friendship with France.

A similarly worded telegram to the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister intimates that Rumania desires to remain loyal to the Little Entente.—Trans-Ocean.

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Pearls Before Swine.

OF the Fine Arts, Poetry is the most neglected and the most flourishing. The first part of this little paradox is due to the natural dumbness of mankind; the second, to the fact that the quickest way you can starve to death is to write verse for a living. Occasionally, we've heard pitiful gentlemen thickly misquote Omar, and once entangled with a merry widow, we escaped by persuading her to recite some luscious fragments of Ella Wheeler Wilcox whose art on that occasion transcended nature. With these notable exceptions our observations have led us to believe that the Poets might well have been mute inglorious Miltons for all the twentieth century public cares or knows. However, this neglect has a beneficial effect on the poets themselves. Since one can't make money by writing poetry and no one reads it when it's written, poets write to please themselves and very often succeed in pleasing the Gods on High.

ALL of which fitted through our mind as we sat talking to Captain C.E.H. Jacobs who is a poet of distinction and withal a very charming personality. A slim, grey haired man who looks a lot younger than his fifty-two years, he converses in a quiet voice, balancing his words before speaking. He shook his head as we ventilated our thoughts. "It's a true of course that the average man doesn't read poetry, but that is scarcely his fault. The classical stuff was rammed down his throat in school at an age when he couldn't possibly appreciate it, and modern poetry is very often not poetry but gibberish. I, myself, am deaf to free verse which of late years has been the popular medium of expression."

"YOU mean the long haired brigade have been serving the Public bunk?" we enquired. Captain Jacobs who affects a military haircut, smiled. "Something like that. A great many Moderns have considered that to be unintelligible

is a mark of high intelligence. So long as they keep their effusions to their own esoteric circle I have no quarrel with them, but when they proceed to publish under the title Poetry, common courtesy demands common intelligibility. However, free verse is dying a natural death. It's fatally easy to write and I would say, the revolt of the younger poets against the easy rhythms and sleepy rhymes of a Tennyson or a Bridges. As with dresses, fashions change; no much so, that poetry is becoming the fashion. Even in the great Public Schools," he added slyly.

CAPTAIN Jacobs, who left the Gunners twenty years back, is relieved of the necessity of starving in a garret by virtue of his job in the Singapore Civil Service. In a burst of generosity, the "New York Sun" once sent him four dollars gold for a poem, which sum he returned to them with a request that they donate the money to the poor box. He says that once a man commercialises a creative gift, he ceases to be a creative artist, and that you cannot create to order, though in trying to, you may produce some very fine craftsmanship. However, there is nothing rarefied about his approach. His hobby is gardening and every now and then he cleans his car in order to get properly dirty. "That and long walks in shoes the thicker the better, help me to compose," he informed us.

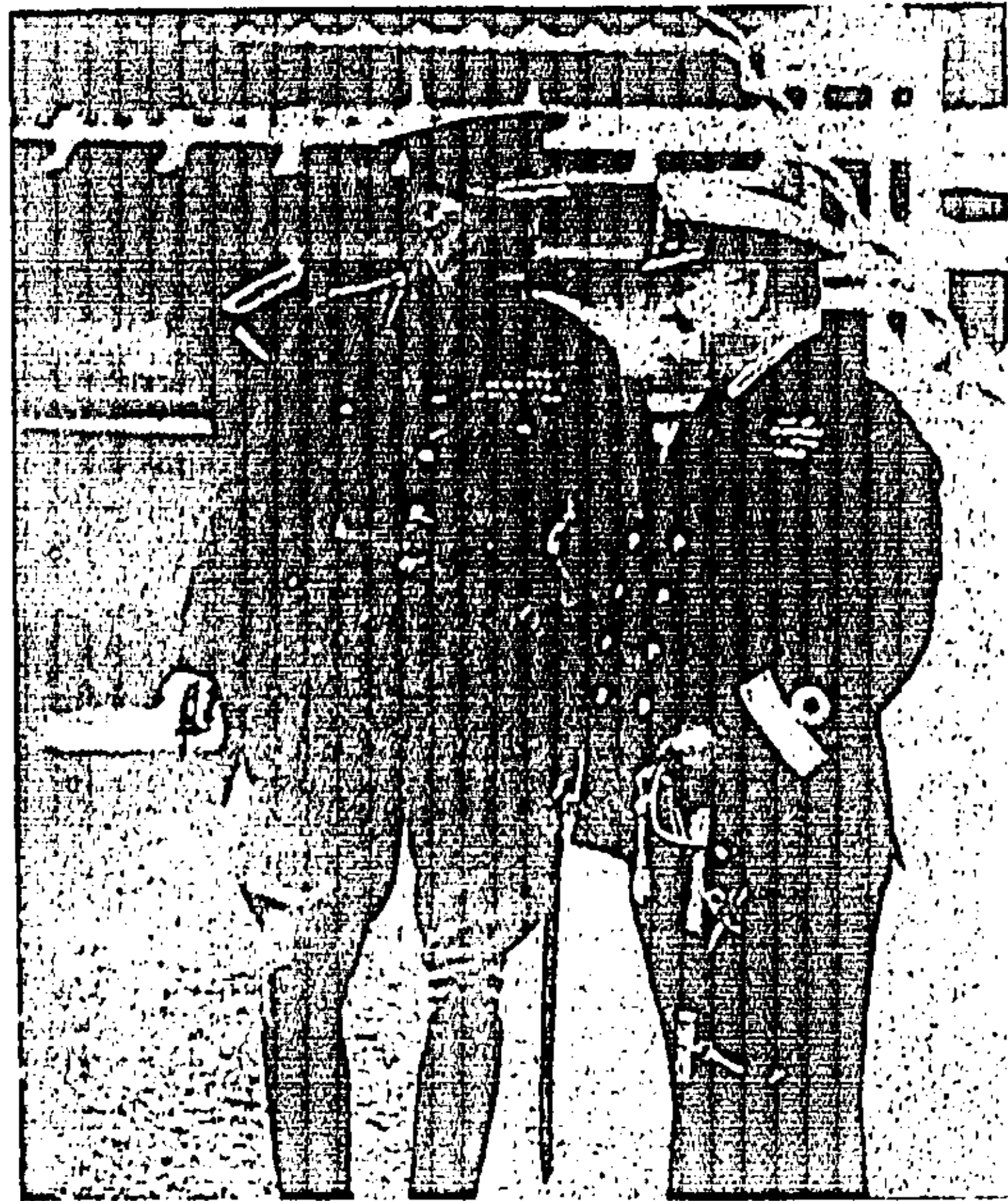
THIS high idealism humanised by manual labour is reflected in his work. Lines such as "Her Vale is warm as England's breast," from the poem "Sussex" and

"Nor deems it low to bend and dig. That loveliness may clothe a twig," from the Gardener are eloquent of the man and the poet. Of his collected poems entitled "Out of

the Heart of England and Other Poems" which in our opinion he erred on the side of modesty in limiting to an edition of 500 copies, we print our choice below and leave you to judge.

The Spanish Dancer

Flame of the lily,
Heart of the rose,
Flower of whose fashioning
Life alone knows,
Flung as the dawn
From the depths of the
night,
Soft as a shadow
And lovely as light.



The acting Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral L. G. Crabbe, talking to the G.O.C., Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, at the Naval Parade at Happy Valley. (Yuen Chun Studio).

Swift as the rhythm
Her living refrain
Pulsed with the passionate
Vision of Spain,
Soul of her soul
As the breath of the fire
Bred of the sun
In the arms of desire!
By courtesy of
Poetry of To-day.

Warmer Than Charity

THE callous disregard and bordered indifference exhibited by the Whites towards the lot of the submerged thousands they rule is grimly ironical when you take into account the number of professing Christians and the numerous philanthropic societies there are in this Colony. Lately, we've been studying this aspect and have come to the reluctant conclusion that in many cases Charity is a cloak for axe grinding.

MISSIONARIES with one eye on home statistics, find that a little dolo judiciously distributed here and there does much to recommend their particular creed to the hungry and roofless. Socialites work themselves to the bone to help the suffering poor and themselves to an O.B.E. Women whose minds are so shallow that they can find nothing better to do than play endless bridge or Mah Jong, excuse their inanity on the score—"It's for Charity, My Dear." Even when Charity springs from the heart it is sentimental and misdirected emotion, and an amusing commentary on the hypocrisy of an era that is perfectly aware of the immorality of private property being used to alleviate the evils arising from the institution of private property.

FOR those and lesser reasons, we were interested when we received an invitation to visit Social Settlements last Sunday afternoon. Because we've taken

one is going to smell an O.B.E., and anyone who succumbs to the lure of a dollar basket of flowers and a platform vote of thanks will be disowned by Social Settlements." This and other little signs indicated to us that the Group are among the forerunners of the new society that is very shortly due to replace the existing order.

GEOGRAPHICALLY situated at Number 53, Wai Ching Street, Yaumatei, and spiritually about as close to God as anything we've seen around this dark little island, Social Settlement Number One's immediate

which bring in about \$34 rent. As the Settlement pays \$56 for the flats, there is a net loss in rent of \$22 a month which is met by the Settlement. Rents are adjusted to the economic means of the tenants; the theory being that a man who works ten hours a day is entitled to demand from Society a place wherein he can cook his meals, love his wife, and rest in comfort, even though Society pays him a wage that ensures the first shall be difficult, and the third impossible.

THE fifth flat is fitted up as a common room. Mornings, the tenants' children attend kindergarten and in the evening, adults are taught hygiene, ethics, the three R's and general knowledge. Attendance is not compulsory; and though there is a doctor on the staff, family privacy and customs are encroached upon as little as is possible without prejudicing the health and comfort of the majority. Rules and regulations are taboo; the Settlement people having been clever enough to realise that you can't tie up families with bundles of red tape. Everything is put over by personal example. If a floor needs washing, the European on duty gets down on his knees and washes it. This has the effect of shaming the lazy tenant; is good for the floor washer's soul; and as anyone who takes the trouble to visit the Settlement can see, is ten times more effective than all the printed notices in the Sanitary Department.

WHEN we arrived a Christmas Party was in full swing. A good looking youngster with Varsity written all over him, was playing blind man's bluff with a score of excited children. A Petty Officer, a parson, a journalist, a middle aged business man, a civil servant, a musician, and two or three people including a good looking girl with red finger nails, whom we hadn't been introduced to, were busy flitting in and out of kitchens with dishes piled high with pork, chicken, duck, garoupa and rice. When everything was ready, young, old, yellow and white fell to. The Europeans waited on their guests, helping themselves to the dishes they fancied. Looking on, we found it difficult to decide who was enjoying the party most. An ancient crane caught our eye; as she stuffed choice tidbits in her mouth great tears coursed down her withered cheeks. An odd fancy possessed us; there was present a guest whose face we could not see.



Mr. Leung Sik-kwan, B.A., and his bride, the former Miss Wong Pui-ming, after their marriage at the Kwongchow Restaurant on Dec. 28. (Mee Cheung).

PERSONALIA

The engagement is announced of A. B. M. Coleman, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coleman, Glasgow, Scotland, and Hellen E. Marsh, daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Marsh, Toronto, Canada and Mrs. Geo. Minaker, Cobalt, Canada.

Mr. W. L. Alexander, of the staff of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, left Hong Kong in the Ranpura.

Sub-Inspector H. G. Baker, of the Police Department, accompanied by his wife and son, left for home in the Ranpura.

Mr. C. B. Easterbrook, of the China Light and Power Co., accompanied by Mrs. Easterbrook and their child, left for home in the Ranpura. It is understood that Mr. Easterbrook will not be returning to the Colony.

Mr. T. Jordan, of the Civil Establishments, left for home in the Ranpura.

Mr. G. A. Payne, of the Civil Establishments, who has been associated with the Colony for many years, accompanied by his wife, left for home recently.

Dr. Yeo, of the Government Medical Department, accompanied by his wife and two children, left the Colony in the Ranpura. Mrs. Yeo is a daughter of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Mr. D. N. Parsons, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, accompanied by his wife, the former Miss Betty Spalding, daughter of Mrs. L. Jack, left for Singapore recently.

Mrs. A. Rodkin, who during her stay in Hong Kong was connected with the "South China Morning Post," returned to Shanghai in the D'Artagnan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Foyn returned to Shanghai in the D'Artagnan.

Two Router correspondents, Mr. L. C. Smith and Mr. Peter Blix, passed through the Colony last week en route to Hankow and Canton, respectively.

Passengers who arrived from Amoy by the "Talma" on Thursday included Lt. G. W. Pressany.

Mrs. Charles, the wife of Mr. R. H. Charles, of the Hong Kong Riding School, returned by the "Nellore" yesterday, after six months' holiday in Australia.

The engagement was announced during the week between Mr. Osborne Wm. Foegal, youngest son of Mrs. W. Foegal and the late Mr. W. Foegal, of Hong Kong, and Miss Milly Bernardo, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bernardo, of Hong Kong.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Robert Perry, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon, and Miss Edwina Louisa Rogers, of Kowloon.

An interesting arrival in Hong Kong on the "President Coolidge" was the well-known Christian Scientist lecturer, Mr. Paul A. Harsch.

Two Chinese couples had the distinction of being the last to wed in Hong Kong in 1937. They were Mr. Yung Nai-cheong and Miss Loo Chiu-bing, and Mr. Choa Yau-cheong and Miss Mak Lai-ying.

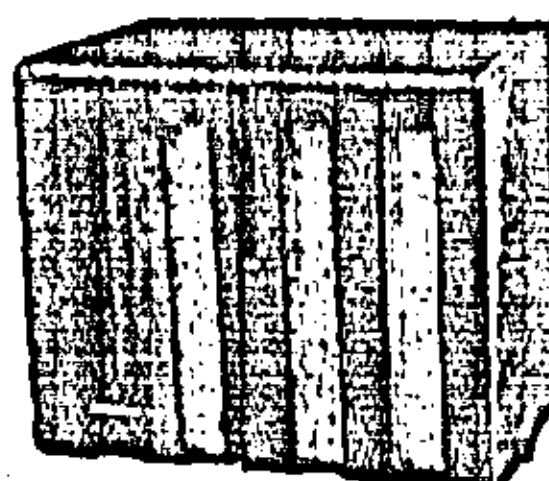
Miss Ethel Chan, grand-daughter of Sir Shouson Chow, who arrived in the Colony accompanied by her mother last month for a short visit from Shanghai, will leave for the northern port this week.

Miss Berta Dolores Vas Barretto will shortly become the bride of Mr. Henrique Maria Barretto, of the Netherlands Trading Company.

Miss Nina Binks left for Manila by the President Coolidge on Friday for a business and pleasure trip.

LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

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The OLD CATHAY, in Des Voeux Road, have been fortunate to secure a few rugs which are difficult to find elsewhere in the world. Among the more uncommon varieties are Manchu saddle rugs, these are very fascinating in square shapes of silk and wood and are used for chair cushions. They are all handmade and there are no two alike. Be sure and call early so as to secure the best, for they are sure to sell quickly!



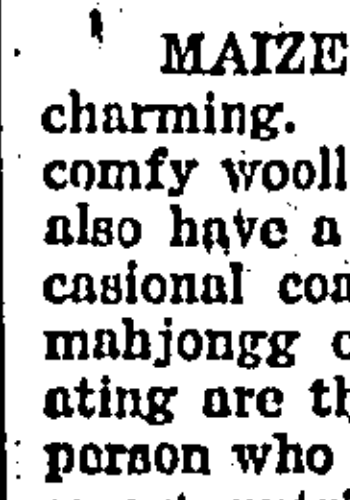
When you have some spare time call at the DRAGON LANTERN SHOP, 24A, Des Voeux Road, C. They have pottery dating as far back as 1122 B.C. and bones with inscriptions dating back over 3,000 years! Then there are porcelains from the Ching to Tang Dynasties, old and modern Chinese paintings, old bronzes, blades of swords, old coins, etc., some dating back to the Han Dynasty, all of which the collector will treasure.

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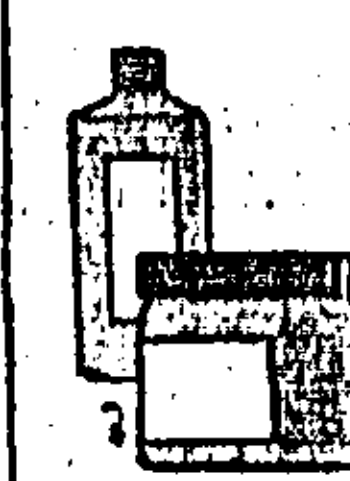
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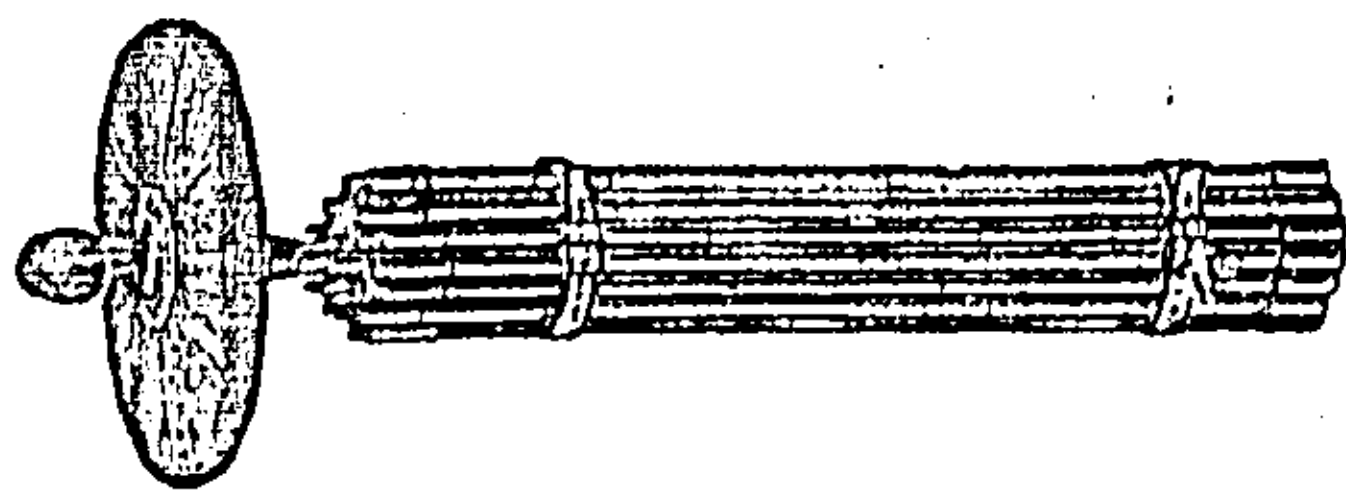


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Goodness Is Not The Peculiarity Of Any Individual Nation, says

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PERHAPS the most significant thing which has happened in the English-speaking world during the past year has been the development of Pacifism. 1938 will undoubtedly see further extensions of this type of thought and being. Christians are anxious that this stage will be an even truer witness to the truth of their religion that has yet been the case. Although the arguments for secular, as distinct from Chris-

tian Pacifism, are logically irrefutable, it must always be remembered that logic is less than life, and that logical conclusions are not of necessity the supreme valuable intellectual achievements of the human mind. From the Christian view-point, Pacifism is not just the renunciation of war and the refusal to sanction or support another, indeed it is not a renunciation at all, but an affirmation and a determination. It is an affirmation of the goodness of man's nature, and a determination that that goodness will be allowed free-play in the affairs of life: it is a recognition that goodness is not peculiar to any nationality, but is shared alike by all peoples, and then it is action upon that belief.

Upon such a basis of belief and faith, the implications of Christian Pacifism are boundless, crossing every national frontier and superseding the highest nationalistic ideals. The majority of English-speaking peoples, for example, imagine that the principle which underlies the British commonwealth will spread to the world at large, and that in the course of time every nation will, and should, acquire the art of self-government. Self-government, a purely national ideal, the outcome of a benevolent imperialism, most British people believe, should be the ideal before all the world. They see nothing fantastic in the prophecy or the hope that one day the world will be covered with a multitude of self-governing national commonwealths, but when they are asked to see a world in which all national states are incorporated in one commonwealth to which every being will in the last resort owe his allegiance, they imagine that they have been betrayed into the realm of the fantastic. Their minds are imprisoned within the confines of the national state, the national commonwealth. Their belief is the last gulf in the minds of men which has to be bridged before humanity can move to a higher level of life.

The Common Weal

The secret of the future development of a world commonwealth is contained within the national commonwealth in so far as it truly is a society which exists for the common weal, that is, in so far as it is a society whose members act primarily for the good of others, whose aim is the satisfaction of the needs and desires of their fellows. This principle is in being in the Christian ethic and the Christian religion; indeed, I would go so far as to say, that a true commonwealth cannot and does not exist apart from Christianity. But no commonwealth, not even the British commonwealth is truly Christian. In hours of crisis its more generous feelings are counteracted by the principle of its national sovereignty, whereas, if our commonwealth with Christian, when our interests collided with the interests of other nations we would not think primarily of our own interests but of the interests and needs of others which are the basis of the collision. This is where we fail to-day. This is where Christian Pacifism will save us.

Crux Of Difficulty

The crux of the difficulty in the way of an international commonwealth lies in creating an international government which would be responsible not just to the national governments which it included, but to the individuals whom these governments represent. This international government will never be achieved until every individual sees himself as being related to and essentially a member of a world state, and not first and foremost a citizen of any particular nation. The idea that supreme devotion can be rendered by men to some unit which is wider and more scattered than a national state must be proved in practice. This idea can be demonstrated by Christian Pacifists, and I believe, by them alone. They can put it into practice not by recognising national sovereignties, and in particular their own national authorities, by obstructing them, but by owning allegiance to one unit, the unit of the whole body of mankind.

So long as Pacifists adopt obstructionist tactics against their

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own nation, and fail to see their highest purpose which is the salvation of mankind of every nationality, so long will Pacifism fail in its highest purpose. Assume for a moment that the international commonwealth has been in existence for some years and a change has come over the minds of the average citizen, what then would be the duty of the Pacifist? It is clear that unless he is a Christian he will have no duty or function whatsoever. Christian Pacifism however, whose function we have already defined as the affirming of the good in life is still relevant to the situation, and so long as men are men, it always will be relevant. Its purpose never varies, the expression of it may change from time to time.

In Time Of War

In time of war therefore, when nations are armed against nations and are engaged in destroying each other, what is the Pacifist purpose, what is it when seen against the background of the world ideal which is serves? Is it passive resistance against the evil being done? Such a course while it is a protest is little more than that, and from the Christian point of view that is insufficient. Is its purpose then to obstruct its own nation in the carrying on of the bloody business of indiscriminate murder? The purpose of Christianity is not the obstruction of evil, but the destruction of it, and the redemption of mankind from the effects of it, therefore Pacifism, when it is Christian, sees a wider and more effective service than obstruction can offer.

Owing allegiance to all men, and not even giving place to nationalism at all, the Christian Pacifist must serve men wherever he finds himself. For the majority of us the men and women among whom we are placed are people of our own nationality—our neighbour in Christ's sense of the word, is the person in need beside us—therefore we shall serve them in every way within our power, to teach them the truth, to save their bodies and souls from the ghastly effects of their sins and the sins of their fellows. The Christian Pacifist in war-time will not find himself safely behind priors bars, nor will his conduct be such that the national authority under which he lives will decide upon his destruction, he will more likely be considered a valuable

national asset, even from the military point of view, because he will be prepared to serve his fellows around him in every way which is open to him. He will be found in the most dangerous situations carrying healing and help to the bodies and minds of men and women who have been betrayed into murder and death. He will serve wherever he is; he will serve not because the people around him are the men and women of his own nation, but because they are men and women. His service would be the same, and would be as freely given even if he were living in an "enemy" country. It may be that for the time-being his teaching would be restrained, that he would have to put a check upon his tongue, but the greatest sermons are preached not in words but in deeds, and deeds which are love have the greatest power in the world.

Vital In Human Sense

It does not count in the slightest to the Christian Pacifist though his national government should consider his services as vital in the military sense, it is not impossible that they might be—he knows that they are vital in the greatest human sense, they are contributory to the salvation and peace of the world, they are designed to create out of warring nations, a commonwealth of peoples which will make war impossible. If an individual is a clever surgeon his duty is to save life, even although the lives he saves returns to the horrible process of killing others. It is not for us to withhold our service and our love from our fellows because they choose to act and think in ways which we believe to be vicious and wrong. The Christian knows but one law and that is the law of love, therefore under all circumstances his duty is the same, the duty of self-giving.

It is almost impossible to exaggerate the responsibilities which rest upon Christian people in the world to-day, and especially upon Christian Pacifists. The whole difficult task of building a bridge of understanding whereon the nations of the world can cross from war and hatred and distrust, to a life of trust, and brotherhood and peace. Until that state is reached no further advance can be made in civilization; until we cease to regard ourselves as citizens of one nation our existing civilization will totter from one abyss to another and mankind will be doomed for centuries to pass through great tribulations. I, for one do not believe that such sufferings are necessary. They can be prevented if we take steps to likely be considered a valuable day to avoid them.

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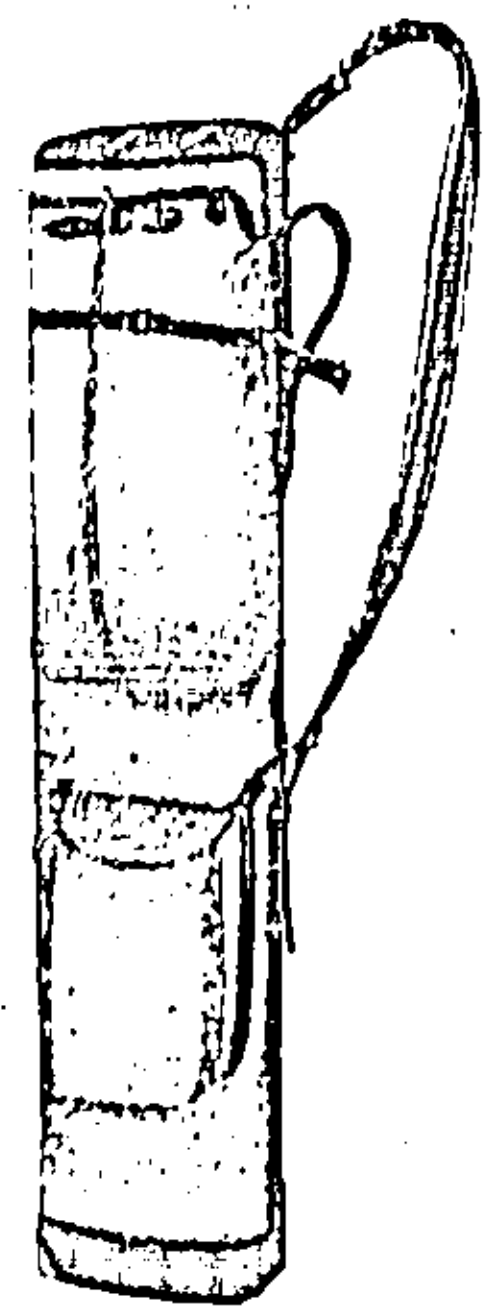
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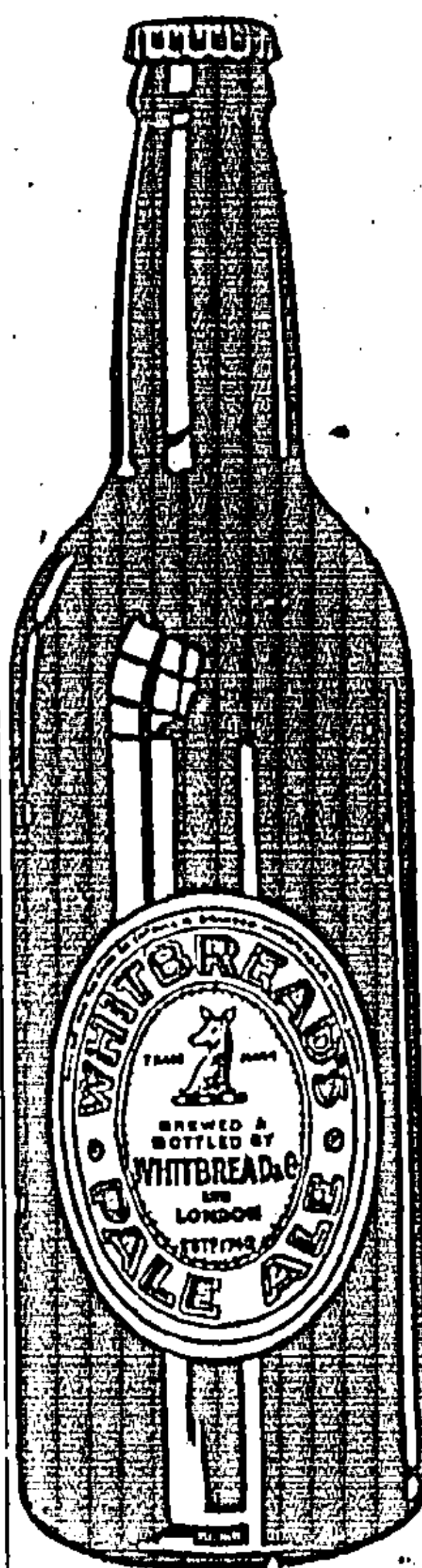
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RING OUT THE OLD

"It might have been" are said to be the saddest words of tongue or pen. But the phrase can be used variously. If we can feel no regrets at the departure of 1937, a year during which the stress of life seems to have been upon conflict and evil, disaster and distress, it is still possible to feel, bearing everything in mind, that "it might have been" very much worse. There is at least a modicum of comfort in that side of the matter, suggesting perhaps a tincture of settled pessimism and an acknowledgment that there are forces at work in the world to-day which we can only dimly perceive, too confused for us to understand fully and impossible for us to combat.

Nineteen-thirty-seven, largely because of developments towards its close, has a black record. For many it opened and continued well, but the promise of successful fulfilment did not mature. The British Empire began with all the brilliant colour and pageantry of the Coronation, but the promise of those flying days, which marked a grand gesture of loyalty and solidarity, gradually faded away as first in one part of the world and then in another, national emphasis, under compulsion of circumstances, was upon avoidance of embroilment in international clash. As a matter of fact, even under the spectacular display of the Coronation the menace of world conflict was already rearing its head and the Imperial Conference found itself engaged more deeply in consideration of problems of Empire defence than of mutual wellbeing.

Here in Hong Kong, close to the scene of the Sino-Japanese clash, a year which began with definite indications of a permanent established economic revival, became overshadowed by fears of threats to our existence.

Philosophically, however, we have to meet conditions as we find them, regarding them as part of the business of life. And on that basis, there will be few who need conviction that it has been worth living. It has been a business, a great business, and Lord Morley has summed life up for us in his pregnant phrase:

"The great business of life is to be, to do, to do without," adding the extra positive, "and to depart." The application is a personal one first of all, and we are so constituted that we regard it that way first and last. So applying it we have to answer this threefold application with reference to the year 1937, for no one can answer it truthfully for us. We have had numberless opportunities "to be"; to be true, and to be so to such an extent that we could not be false to any man. Unequalled opportunities "to do" have also been ours. The cynic and embittered looking down on shattered hopes will say that many have excelled in this matter, that countless thousands mourn as a result of a prevalence "to do" others and the things that bear not the fierce light of truth. We are not constituted judges of our fellow-man desirous as we seem to be to question the means used to obtain the success that may be his as a result of his doings. To do without comes often as a matter of course and a thing which it is somewhat easy to bear.

As a community and a Nation, Lord Morley's dictum also applies. Our civic lives are so ordered for us in this little place that few are the opportunities given us to do and to be, whilst the facts of the case demand that we do without. Prosperity has overtaken — we think the world used the correct one, the commercial life of the Colony, in a somewhat uncertain manner. We may well hesitate a moment to consider the source and the meaning of that trade prosperity, and to take a thought for the future, but the onus for that and the settlement of conditions which have brought terror to China is in other hands. Apart from that the business of life for us in this place is to be and to do as members of a race renowned for its high sense of justice and for its desire for the things that are true and of good report. Has 1937 emphasised these national traits in us?

Nationally we seem to have gone back. The roar of the lion is not regarded as it once was. Yet we think we can say with a reasonable amount of pride that 1937 found Great Britain more than solid in the matter of straight dealing, and all out for honesty of purpose. The world is not yet safe for democracy, but there are certain things which give reason for hope.

For our very near neighbours, 1937 has been a year of affliction but in all the strife and chaos which seem for the moment to be the portion of the Chinese Nation, there are more than mere flickerings of hope. She has been plunged into war, but out of it has emerged a national unity, a closing of ranks which has astonished and gratified her friends, while dumbfounding an enemy, who would to-day willingly call off his aggression if an opportunity occurred.

We have been obviously optimistic in this inadequate reference to the year now at its end, and leave the message of optimism for 1938 as the only sensible thing with which to commence the New Year.

We Moderns Are
Too Mealy Mouthed

A surprising thing has happened in the House of Commons. An M.P. made a speech in the language of ordinary people; used arguments which are common enough outside Parliament; mentioned facts familiar to all who take interest in population statistics, but never before referred to in debate with the same frankness.

This speech was head-lined by the daily newspapers as "amazing." It was. So careful are public speakers as a rule to avoid anything like hard hitting or direct gloves-off criticism that a startling effect was produced by Mr. A. P. Herbert's attack on the Bill authorising intimate and frequently painful inquiries about marriage, divorce, children legitimate and "natural" to be put to certain people—not the whole population.

Mr. Herbert did very useful work as a legislator by getting passed a Divorce Bill which, removed some, though not nearly all, of the absurdities and hardships of our marriage law. That law is a queer medley, based originally on a religious view of marriage, and altered from time to time, but never completely recast.

No Party would undertake to right the wrongs inflicted on thousands of married people. All were afraid of "the religious vote." The amending Bill could be introduced only by a private member. Mr. Herbert put it through with energy and skill.

He has again earned the thanks of forward-looking people by pulling to pieces without any minced words a measure for which there is no need whatever and which would cause not only annoyance but pain.

Why should outspoken comment on public affairs be so restrained, so mealy-mouthed, as to make Mr. Herbert's speech an event in Parliament?

Why was the House of Commons roused to an uncommon pitch of excitement, admiring or indignant, by Mr. Herbert Morrison's spirited showing-up of the Air Raid Precautions Bill (which aims at making local ratepayers pay heavily for this branch of national defence)?

Why do Mr. Alexander's speeches make an impression and win respect? Because sincerity and emotion are respected by everybody.

The soft-pedalling by speakers, which makes our public life seem toneless and sterile, is a consequence of the deliberately quiet tones, almost whispers, in which most newspapers discuss events.

They seem to be afraid to speak out—and they are afraid. Afraid of special interests. Afraid of offending any section of their readers, especially religious sections. Afraid also of the Libel Law, which has become far more obstructive than it used to be.

Newspaper men are not to blame for it. Most of the Press has been commercialised. The idea that a

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newspaper ought to educate its readers, ought to have principles and stand up manfully for them, ought to defend the interests of the masses, never occurs to the men who now control almost the entire Press of the country.

It is absentee ownership, the irresponsible holding of shares by people spread all over the country, which has put newspapers on the same level as a public-house or a grocer's shop.

The controllers have a great deal of power. They get it because they hold deferred shares, which alone carry the right to vote at meetings. But they cannot use power save in directions where money can be made.

When newspapers spoke out boldly, influenced public thinking, inspired politicians to denounce what they considered evils, they were owned by individuals who either took the rudder themselves or employed some eminent man as editor and gave him a free hand. They were dull newspapers — except for their fighting articles. They were nothing like our newspapers for breadth of interest and entertainment. But they pitched the note of public discussion high and clear. They encouraged politicians to let themselves go, and provided them with plenty of material for explosive speeches.

Gladstone roused the country — and made himself Prime Minister — by the powerful pitiless attacks on the Sultan of Turkey for massacring unfortunate Bulgarians and Armenians. Nothing that this criminal did was so damnable as Mussolini's Abyssinian massacres, or the wholesale murder of Chinese by Japan's airmen, or the slaughter of unprotected Spanish people in open towns.

Any British politician in the front rank who had seized on these outrages to stir the moral fervour of the nation as Gladstone stirred it 60 years ago

would be Prime Minister now. That is what our public life lacks — moral fervour. George Lansbury has it; he owed his position as leader to it. Baldwin is revered by millions who may or may not agree with his politics, because from time to time he is submerged by waves of moral fervour which quickly pass away.

A. P. Herbert's speech was like a big stone flung into stagnant water — or rather a pile of stones one after the other — because it put genuine indignation and contempt into words that rasp the mind.

It was moral fervour that brought the Labour Party into existence. Keir Hardie and other men and women who were deeply moved by injustice and oppression aroused the sympathies and the anger of many people in all classes. A fine unselfish enthusiasm inspired the I.L.P. in its early days and flowed into the official Party. We want more of that spirit now.

Too many are disillusioned, cynical. They tell you wearily that effort is useless. They have little hope left. They feel they must go on ploughing the sand, but they expect no harvest from it.

Many officials are occupied with their duties, which they discharge faithfully (that is the appropriate phrase), but anything like enthusiasm seems to them, as it does to all bureaucrats, to be unpleasantly suggestive of unofficial methods, of getting things done without unnecessary delay.

The leaders must disperse this defeatist atmosphere. Defeatist — because no victory is possible so long as it weakens energy and depresses the spirit.

The United Front idea has been killed — at any rate in its last year's shape. It had begun to revive enthusiasm. What can we fix our hopes on now?

I believe the constituency parties, now they have direct representation, are going to make a lot of difference, but for that we must wait till next year's Labour Party Conference. In the meantime, let our leaders reflect on the "amazement" caused by that speech recently. Some people may sneer and call it "bad taste," but it is said to have killed the Bill it attacked. And it caused an emotional stir — even if the emotions were only shocked prudery and slaughter. It is these emotions we need in our political life. Man cannot live by "statesmanship" alone.

Battle Of Ideas: by Geoffrey Trease
Can The English Be Educated?

CAN the English be educated? Not "Are the English educated?" For that would be either a very naive or a very rhetorical question.

No one who has even the most superficial acquaintance with foreign countries—and, consequently, a basis of comparison—could make any honest answer but a downright negative.

But—can the English be educated? How, and how soon?

These are the pertinent questions in an age when some of the smallest and most backward nations of the world promise to leave us behind in the march of progress.

Educational progress in England is in a state of stagnation. Or at least its forward movement is no more than the slow oozing of a river through a swamp—indiscernible to the eye.

A certain number of new buildings, a certain improvement in teachers' qualifications, a steady tendency towards more modern methods—all these are good, but we need far more sweeping changes—revolutionary changes—if we are to produce the educated democracy.

The first, most obvious and most widely admitted, is the raising of the school leaving age.

But that is not enough. Public energy is dissipated in the struggle to memorise our completely inconsistent orthography? "Cough, cough, cough, through."

Nor is it much good merely to retain children longer in the kind of classrooms which many of them who read a poster: "Cavalcade vorate, II and yen!

occupy to-day. Boys and girls cannot be educated in icy cold, damp, ill-lit and ill-ventilated schools—which, as official reports reveal, still exist by the hundred all over England.

Nor can they be educated so long as they suffer from malnutrition, or live in slums which not even the paragon parent can transform into a home.

Nor can they be educated in classes of 40, 50, and even 60—they can only, if the teacher is "a good disciplinarian," be intimidated into keeping quiet.

New buildings and smaller classes, together with housing improvements and a higher standard of living, are the indispensable prelude to any proposal for educating the people.

Even these material advances will not be sufficient. As we have seen, a minority of our boys and girls already enjoy them all, yet their education leaves much to be desired.

What other great changes do we need? Several. They are urgent, but they need not be expensive.

First, the simplification of English spelling. Second, the adoption of the Metric System.

Have you ever paused to think how much of a child's mental energy is dissipated in the struggle to memorise our completely inconsistent orthography? "Cough, cough, cough, through." Re-member the story of the foreigner, striving to master such anomalies, learnt to reckon in pounds and shillings, and you will see that

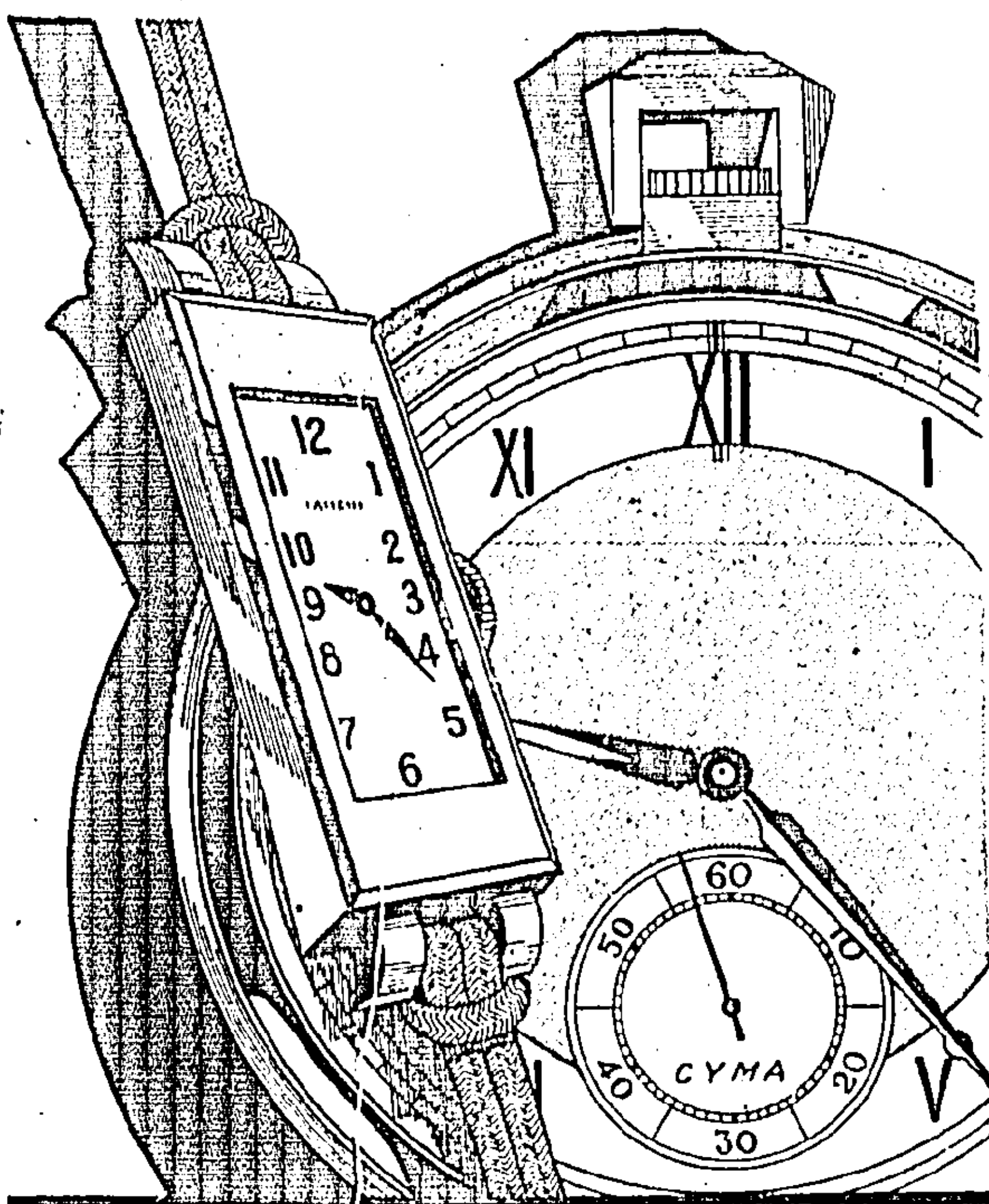
Pronounced Success!"—and shot himself in despair.

We idolise Shakespeare in our schools. But Shakespeare could not spell. He lived in an age when Englishmen spelt as they fancied, so long as the word was recognisable, and got on with the job of writing and reading great literature.

There is no need to return to that state of anarchy. We have achieved a standardised illogical spelling. Surely it would be easier still to achieve a standardisation based on logic! If Turkey and some of the Soviet Republics have changed their alphabets completely, surely we English can make this much less exhausting effort?

Incidentally, how many people realise that to-day in England there are numerous illiterates who are neither babies nor nonagenarians, but young men and women, only a few years out of school, who have already lost, through lack of practice, the knowledge of reading and writing which they so laboriously acquired?

Always the scourge of spelling tables, Troy weight, and Avordupois. It seemed a matter of life and death, when one was so young, to memorise all that mumbo-jumbo of rods, poles, and perches, carats and pennyweights. And, for all the use it was in later life, most of us might just as well have learnt to reckon in pounds and shillings, and you will see that

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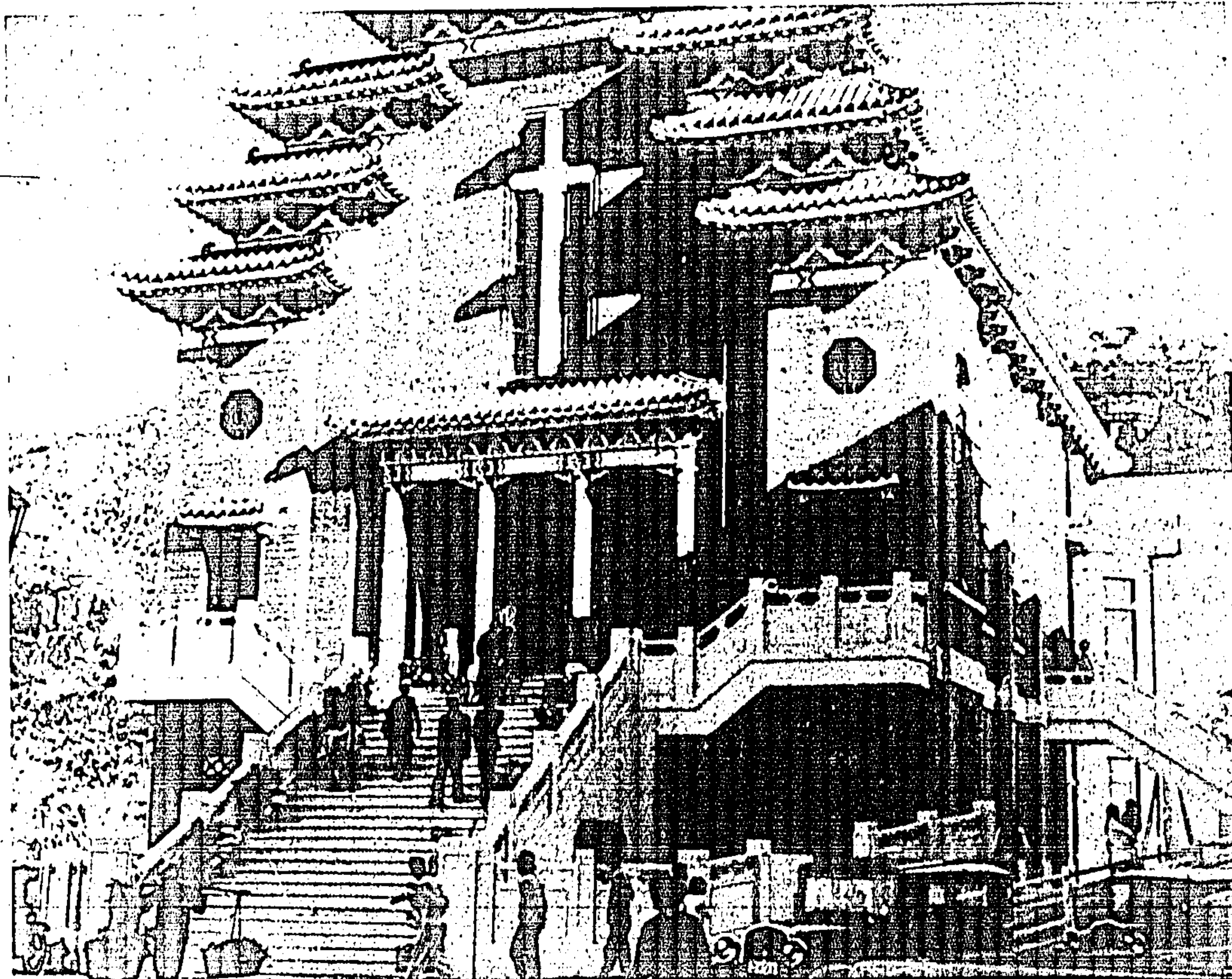
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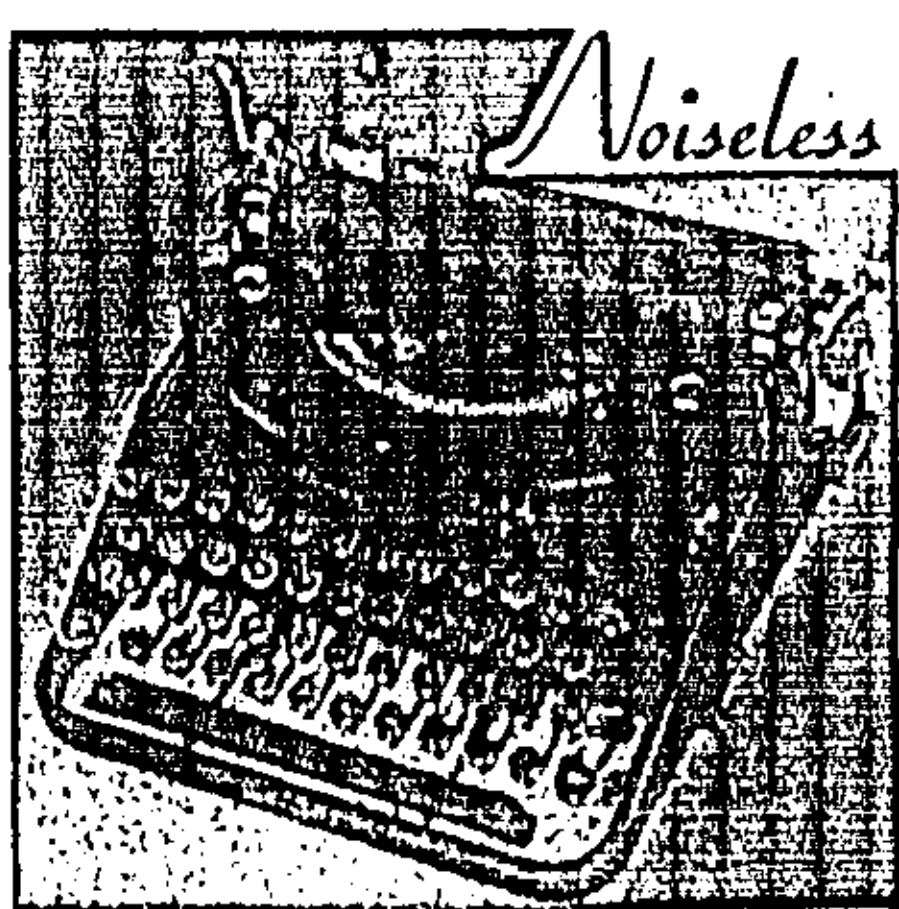
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Health Through Physical Fitness

Flowers In The Bedroom At Night

IT is the practice in most hospitals, and homes for that matter, for flowers to be removed from the bedroom at night. The common idea is that this is done because it is harmful for the flowers to be left in the room when a person sleeps, as the flowers give off some harmful substances. This is pure fancy. Generally the flowers are removed from the patients room in a hospital simply to freshen up, by changing, in this small way, the atmosphere of the room.

There are some who think that the alleged injuriousness of the flowers is due to the fact that they exhale carbon di-oxide and absorb oxygen more readily at night. Such people seem to forget that this is just what the patient is doing, only much more intensely. If the ventilation of the sick room is sufficient for the patient's well-being, the presence of the flowers is of no significance. If it is not, the removal of the flowers is of no avail. A small gas flame or candle consumes far more oxygen in a night than a roomful of flowers. A disagreeable odour often given as a further reason why flowers should not be left in a room, invariably comes from stagnant water in the vases. Attention to the changing of the water is of far more importance than the taking out of these natural ornaments.

You Can't Disinfect The Air

DOCTORS frequently find that various substances, such as lysol, carbolic acid etc., all with

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This Week I Discuss: The Explanation Of Some Popular Health Ideas.

distinctive odours, are used in sick-rooms, lavatories etc., with the expressed purposes of disinfecting or purifying the air. It is virtually impossible to do this, that is, to kill the microbes present or to neutralise obnoxious odours, and still keep the air fit for human use.

Lay people tend to attach too much importance to "fumigation", and to the supposed influence of the purifiers used for this purpose. Thorough ventilation is the only solution for the removal of foul air. An authority has written: "Infected air should be removed by ventilation; it is futile to sterilise it by gaseous disinfection, since to be effective these must be present in quantities incompatible with the existence of human beings. From this it automatically follows that disinfecting fluids or vapours and gases in the sick-room are a useless annoyance to the patient, except in so far as they be used as deodorants."

Night-Air Is Not Unhealthy

THE answer to this fallacy lies in a consideration of the difference between night and day air. So far as gaseous composition is concerned there are no substantial differences, except in large cities where the air may contain less carbonic acid gas, since less fires are burning and less motor-cars are running.

Night air contains fewer or-

ganic gases, since, in the absence of the sun's heat, putrefactive processes are less active. This is certain; night air contains no gas or substance peculiar to itself, excepting those produced in the bedroom. As to solid matter, night air again has the advantage for those who live in the city, because less traffic means less dust, and less dust means less microbe laden air. Night air, of course, is much colder, so you must, when preparing to ventilate the room well by having all the windows open, make due provision, by the use of an extra blanket in the winter months. Really fresh air at night is a great help to good health.

Only Unpleasant Smells Are Dangerous?

STRANGELY enough, a number of the most dangerous gases have most pleasant smells, or no smell at all. Mustard Gas, well known during the War, is almost odourless and invisible. Those who were attacked were not aware of the gas until they began to feel its effects. Hydrocyanic acid gas, perhaps the most deadly of all poisons, for it acts with such speed, has a pleasant penetrating odour resembling that of peach blossoms or the oil of bitter almonds. Nitrous oxide, is rather pleasant in odour yet it can prove fatal when an overdose is given. Carbon monoxide, an odourless gas, is exceedingly poisonous, because it forms a firm chemical

union with the red colouring substance of the blood, thus preventing the latter from carrying the oxygen necessary for life.

An Electric Fan Does Not Cool A Room

A fan does not cool a room. Step outside the area of the current caused by the fan and you will be quite as warm as if the fan were not in operation. What an electric fan does do is it cools the surface of the skin of the people within its range of action, thus giving a sense of comfort. The cooling sensation results from the evaporation of moisture from the surface of the body, and not from a lowering of the room temperature.

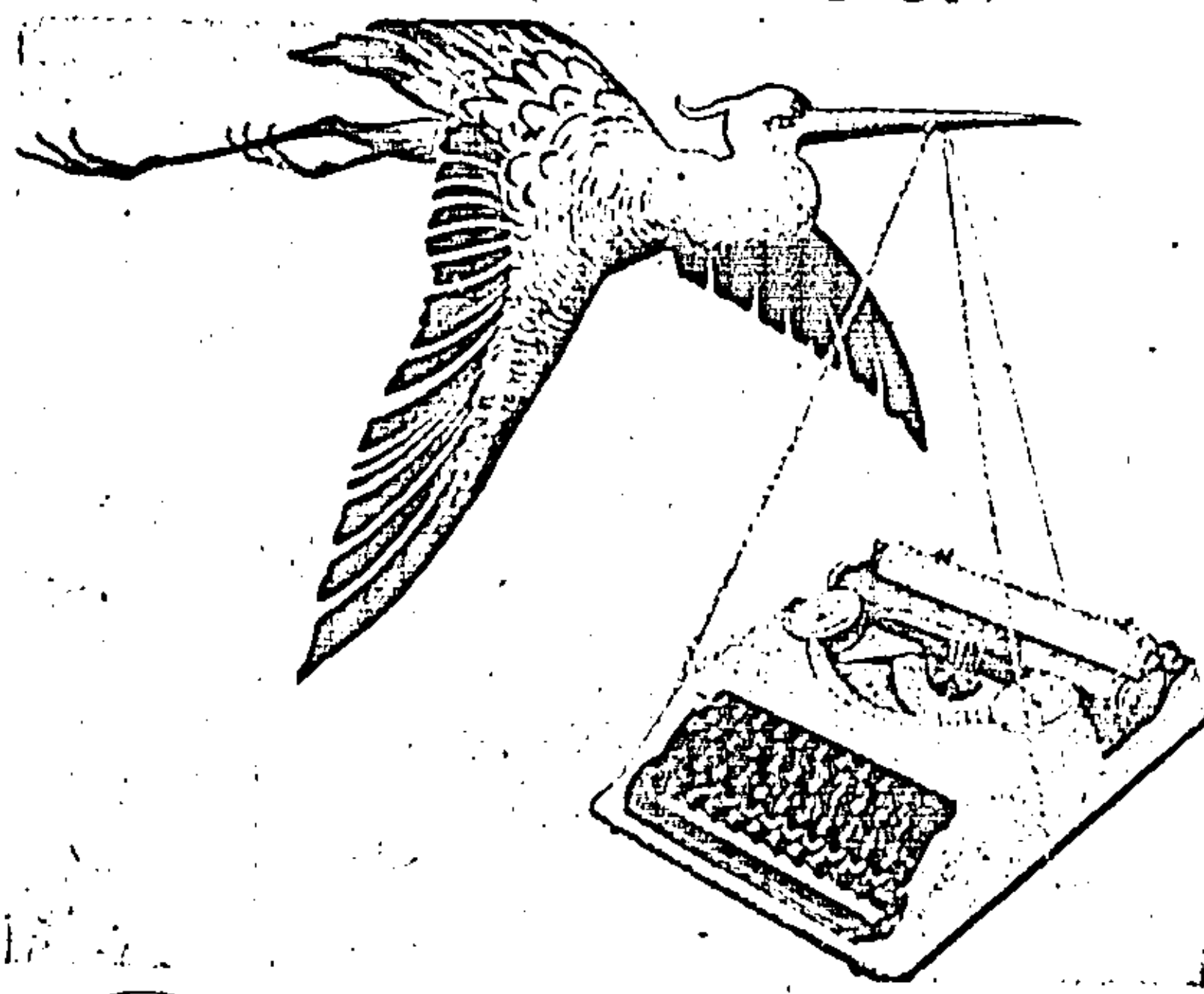
Tobacco Smoke Is Not A Disinfectant

THIS idea probably began during the Great Plague of London when the people, considered it as a really helpful measure in warding off an attack, in fact after the introduction of tobacco into England by Sir Walter Raleigh it had a great vogue for many years as a "cure-all." The various components of tobacco smoke are well known, so its possibilities as a disinfectant can be fully determined. From investigation, the results showed that the bactericidal effect of the smoke was nil.

The popularity of smoke as a disinfectant may also be due to its effect on mosquitoes, this is so because the delicate breathing apparatus of the insect is easily disturbed by the minute particles of matter contained in the smoke laden air.

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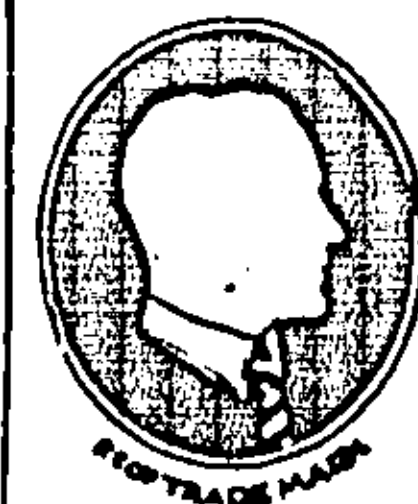
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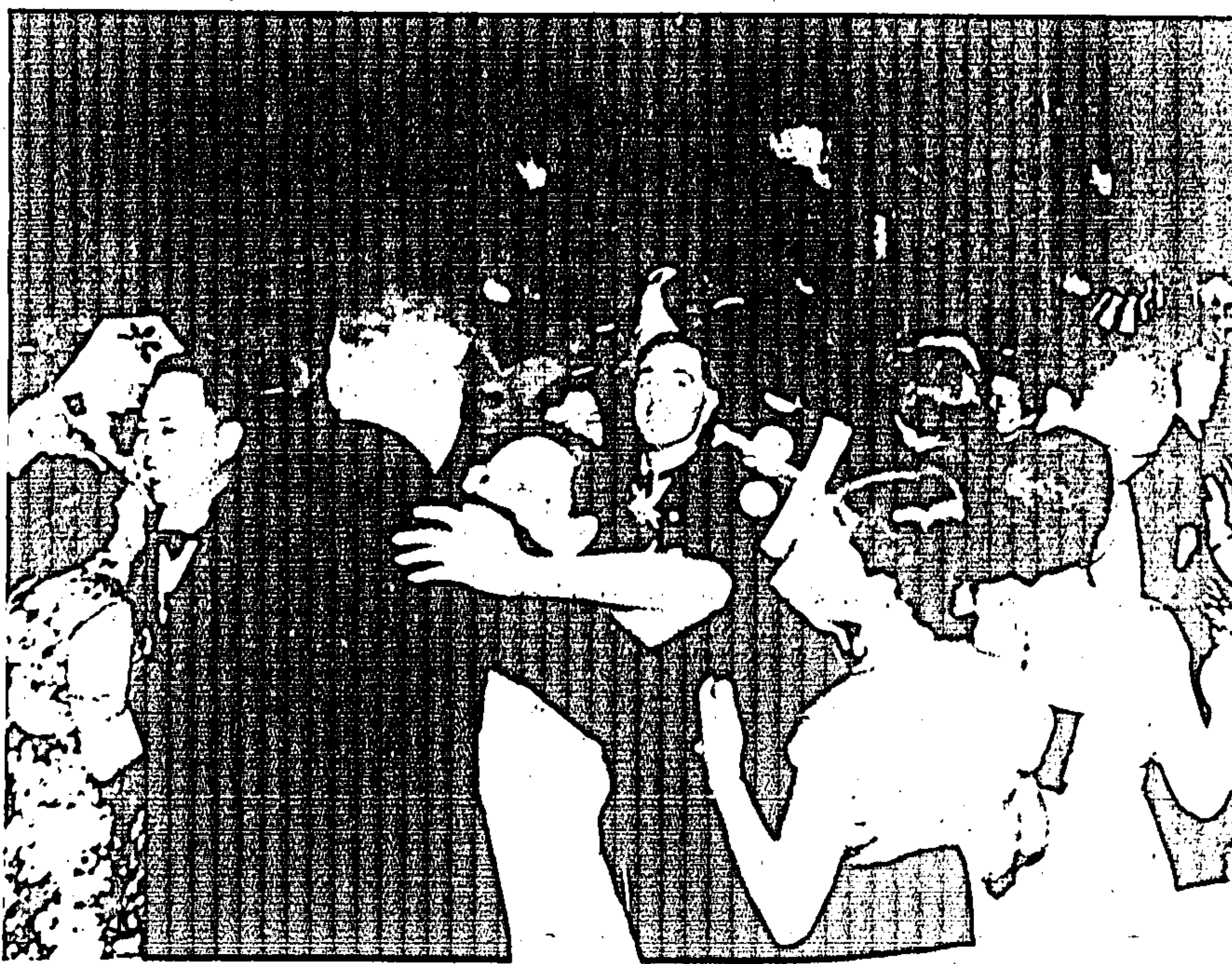
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They will be perfectly fitting but decorative waterproof overshoes which will not spoil the appearance of her Majesty's shoes, most of which are of pearl-grey leather. "Dawn" is the name she has given to this particular shade, which has a touch of lilac in it.

The Duchess of Kent is the only member of the Royal Family who likes really high heels. She wears severely-cut court shoes, usually in brown, and for evening chooses a sandal model.

The Queen prefers lower heels, and favours Oxford shoes with short vamps and neat laces.

The Duchess of Gloucester is fond of coloured shoes, and recently ordered a pair of purple ones to match the floral design on a summer gown.

A library, smoking-room, and swimming pool are among the amenities in Riddell House, the new nurses' home for St. Thomas's Hospital, which Queen Mary opened recently.

Each nurse will have a bed-sitting room, with a divan bed and an enclosed washbasin with running water.

There has been a great improvement in nurses' homes all over the United Kingdom since the publication of a report by the Lancet Commission in 1930 on the conditions of the nursing profession generally.

The new nurses' home for Westminster Hospital, which will be opened by the Queen early next year, has been designed by a committee under the Dowager Lady Harcourt, and the nurses themselves have had a say in the decora-

tions and arrangements. Each nurse will have her own room on the sunny side of the new building, and special "light-proof" curtains which do not keep out the fresh air will be a great boon to night-nurses trying to sleep during the day.

FLORENCE DAVIES, 22, a cook-general in London, was given an extra day off two weeks ago. She went to Margate to address the Women's Liberal Federation on some "grouses" of domestic servants.

Florence, who comes from South Wales, has no grouses herself. She has a kind mistress and a pleasant job. But she had some hard things to say about inconsiderate mistresses. The chief complaint of maids, she said, was lack of liberty. This made them give up domestic service for work in factories and shops, where they were worse off, as they had to pay for their keep.

"I have a half-day every Tuesday and Sunday, with Saturday evening off for dances," she added. "Many servants, however, are not so lucky. I have a good mistress, and in that I am one of the fortunate ones."

SEA-TRAINING formed the unusual holiday of 270 girls at Portsmouth recently. They came from 35 different countries, including Australia, for the experience. Each girl is a Sea Ranger. Under the care of several male instructors and Miss Anne Hopkins, a Sea Ranger pilot, they lived on board the old Implacable in Portsmouth Harbour. They had lessons in almost every branch of seamanship, including capstan work, sailing, rowing, and navigation.

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Widow of Army Officer Tells Amazing Story

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THE STORY OF EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH

WE have been reading the week a touch of that historical biography, that imaginative delving into the past which has become so popular since Mr. Lytton Strachey is supposed to have started that particular ball rolling with his accounts of various eminent Victorians, and of that most eminent of them all, the Queen. But in this case we have no gentle ironist like Mr. Strachey; we have the even more gentle, but none the less accurate, sentiment of Mrs. Bertina Harding.

In the story of the Emperor Franz Joseph and the lovely Elizabeth of Austria which Mrs. Harding has woven into "Golden Fleece" (Harrap), the author of "Phantom Crown" has chosen another subject about which she has, by the circumstances of her birth and life, an intimate knowledge.

For her own life has been touched by something of the romance which still glimmers over the now almost unbelievable careers of Franz Joseph and Elizabeth and of the more swiftly tragic Maximilian and Carlotta.

Aeschylean Drama

Her own background has given her an especial interest in the Habsburgs and an especial knowledge of that Imperial tragedy. Born in Bavaria of Rhenish and Hungarian ancestry, she was taken as a child to Mexico City, where she was surrounded by people who had known the Emperor Maximilian and Carlotta, and, while still a child, she was taken by her mother to Vienna to hand over to Franz Joseph the jewels and insignia belonging to his brother.

Her grandmother was a dancer at the Hungarian Court and her godmother was the Hungarian actress, Camille Fehér, who was

able to give her much intimate knowledge of the Habsburg family.

The modern tragedies of the Habsburgs—and the nineteenth century was a period of almost unrelenting doom for the family leading to the final dissolution of the Empire and dynasty during the war—this more than Aeschylean drama has been much exploited by many writers during the twentieth century. But you may take Mrs. Harding as a pretty reliable guide.

Facts And Atmosphere

She knows the facts and she has a useful skill in sensing the atmosphere and in getting it down on to paper. The facts she has gleaned from a whole sheaf of authorities who have written in German, Hungarian, English, Italian, French and Spanish, and she has consulted innumerable Government archives, letters and diaries. And she has talked with the Crown Princess Stephanie, widow of the Archduke Rudolf. There is no lack of facts.

The atmosphere, the method which she employs is of that fictional type which has become so popular nowadays, and which in many cases is not entirely trustworthy, to say the least of it. Conversations, based no doubt on evidence, are given which, while they add verisimilitude, must owe a certain amount to the imagination, too, must go to the deciding of motive in some cases.

But Mrs. Harding gives you confidence, and I can recommend her account of this tragic history of a great and rather bewildered gentleman and of the most beautiful woman in Europe. There are pictures and photographs of the Empress Elizabeth in this book which are lovelier than anything I have ever seen, even in modern portraiture. For in these pictures there is a

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THE whitewashing of ancient villains has become something of a popular sport among biographers in recent years. And it is not a bad sport at that. The compleat villain is a myth.

No man is wholly bad, and many a black reputation owes more to the lies of political opponents, to the inventions of a society eager to justify its vengeance, and to the gossip of idle scandalmongers than to the true character of the man who bears it.

Few men in history have as black a reputation as Judge Jeffreys, of the "Bloody Assizes." In most history books, and even in the pages of the leading encyclopaedias, he is painted as an

NOT SUCH A BAD MAN AFTER ALL!

unscrupulous villain, a murderer by judicial process, a persecutor of those who happened to belong to the opposite political group.

Removing The Dirt

In "Jeffreys of 'The Bloody Assizes'," which has just been published by Thornton Butterworth, worth, Mr. Seymour Schofield applies the whitewash brush to excellent purpose. In Mr. Schofield's view it is not so much a question of whitewashing as of removing the dirt and muck thrown by political enemies and drawn upon by subsequent historians and biographers.

He does not attempt to show Jeffreys as a man of unassailable

honesty and complete scrupulousness. Such men were not found and would not have lasted long, if they had existed, in the political world of Jeffreys's day.

But he does paint a picture of a tolerably fair-minded man, a man of taste and education and culture, using the weapons of gangsters not to gain his party's ends, but to prevent his gangster enemies from gaining theirs.

Hope For The World?

As a biographical study of a notable figure in history the book is even greater interest in the picture it gives of a strange and unsettled period in English history.

The age was one in which the chief political factions were violently opposed to one another, and would descend to any depths of villainy to gain their ends. It was an age of professional perjurers, whose whole living was made by giving false evidence against victims the politicians wished to remove. Worse still, the perjurers got away with naive and unskilful lies because the judges were prejudiced or so dependent on the politicians that they dared not challenge them.

In a topsy-turvy world the picture is an encouraging one. Political conditions to-day, at their worst, are no worse than those of the age in which Jeffreys lived. Yet England survived them. Perhaps there is hope for the world yet.



Mr. C. M. MacDonald, former Editor of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald", now "Times" correspondent in China, photographed after finding safety in H.M.S. Bee after the Panay sinking.

THE EXPLANATION OF SOME POPULAR HEALTH IDEAS

(Continued from Page 2)

You Get Appendicitis By Swallowing The Seeds Of Apples, Grapes, Etc.

APPENDICITIS is an inflammation of the vermiform appendix, a worm shaped attachment at the rounded beginning portion of the large intestine, it is thinner than a pencil and varies from 1 to 5 inches in length. That the inflammation is caused by fruit seeds being lodged in the appendix is also an erroneous idea.

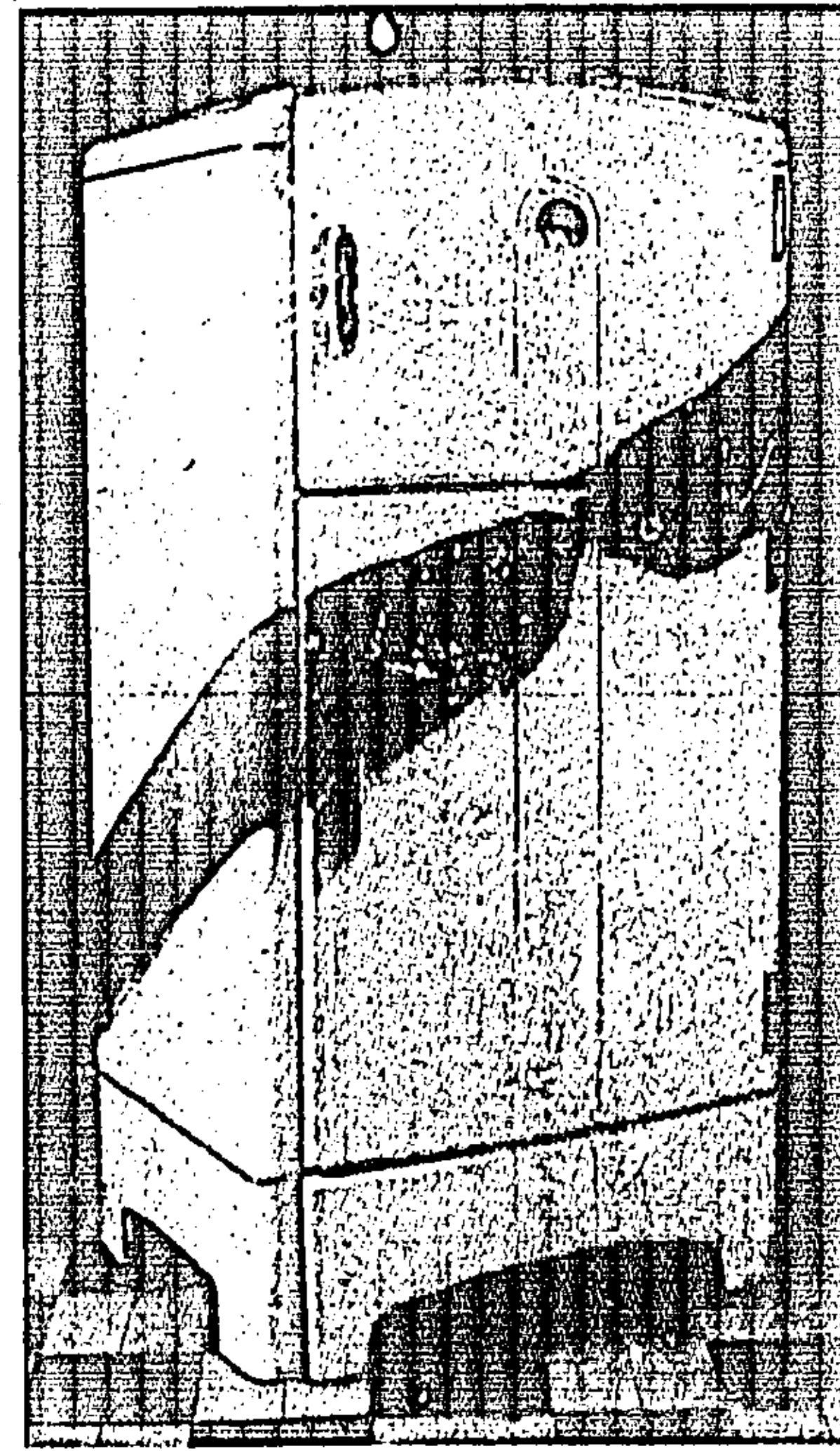
Most people who eat grapes swallow the seeds, and nearly everyone swallows some fruit seeds at one time or another, yet appendicitis is not as common as the eating of seeds. A surgeon rarely finds a seed in a diseased appendix. So unusual would it be that it is quite probable that he would make it a matter of special comment to his colleagues. Furthermore, it is rarely possible to be certain that the seed was responsible for the inflammation. Appendicitis is

really caused by the organ becoming infected with pus-forming germs.

A Pain In The Back Means Kidney Trouble

THERE are many causes of back-ache, some associated with the muscles, some with the nerves and ligaments, others with the joints of the spinal column and the hip bones. It is sometimes difficult to know just what causes the back-ache, but one thing is certain, in almost every case, it is not kidney trouble. If it is remembered that nerve pains do not occur within solid organs, such as the kidneys, but only on the surface of organs it is evident why there is no pain in kidney disease. A similar condition exists in the case of the lungs. Pleurisy, which is an inflammation of the outer covering of the lung, where the nerve pains are situated, can be an exceedingly painful disease, yet it is known that tuberculosis, a more serious illness, can cause great harm to the lung without any pain.

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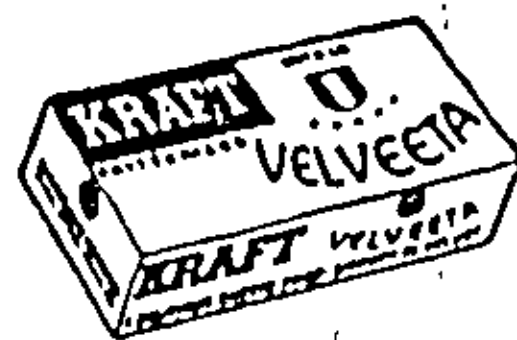
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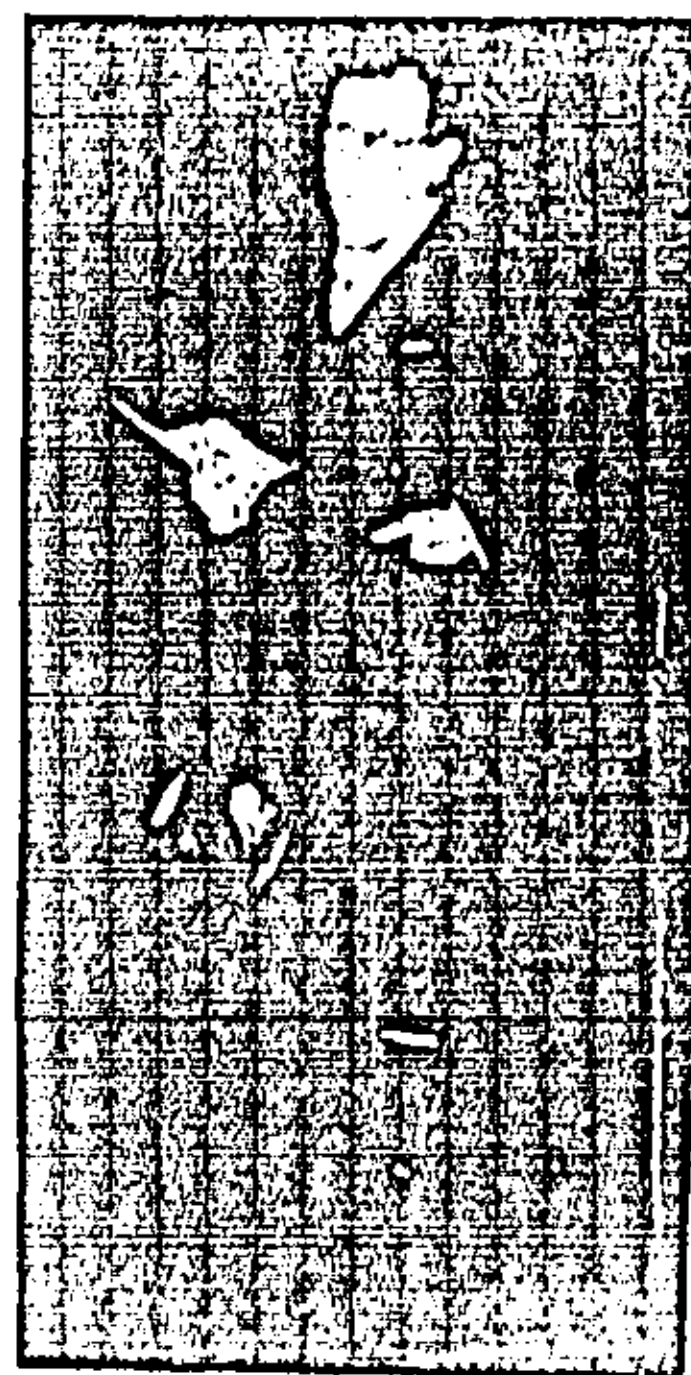
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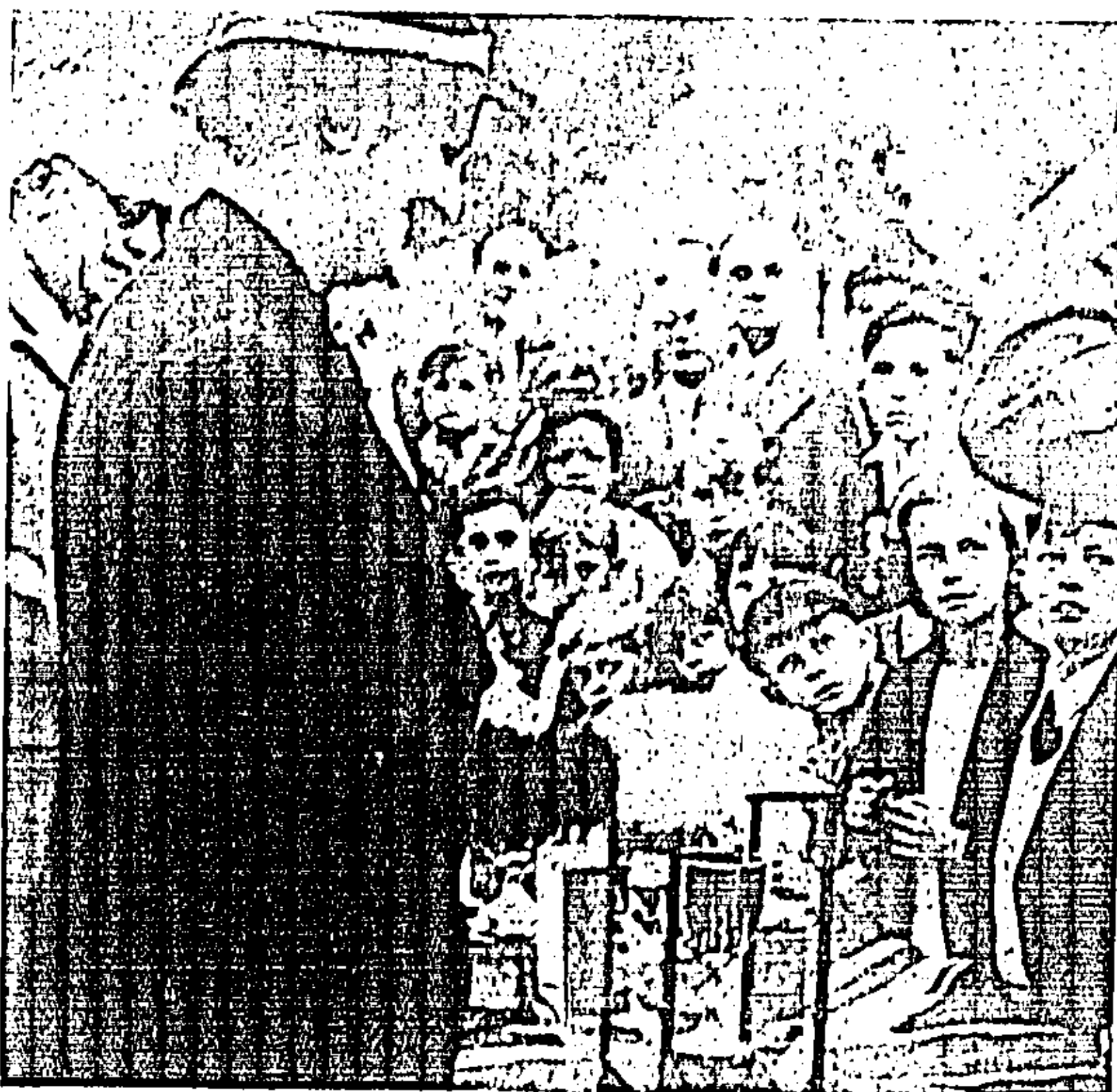
Group photo taken after the wedding of Lt. R. L. Chave, R. N. and Mrs. Chave. The bride was formerly Mrs. Gloria Munroe, of Shanghai. ("Herald" photo).



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, making his speech at the Wah Yan College Prize-giving. Seated are Father Donnelly and Father Gallagher. (Photo: Cheung Shin-chung).



Taken at the At right. The new "Gripps." ("Herald" photo).



Mrs. G. R. Sayer presenting the prizes at the C.S.C.C. Christmas Party. ("Herald" photo).

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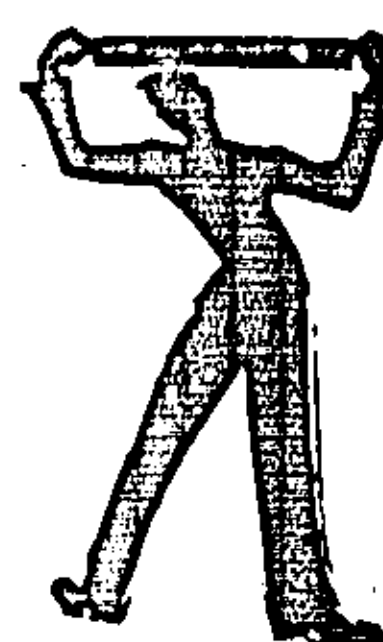
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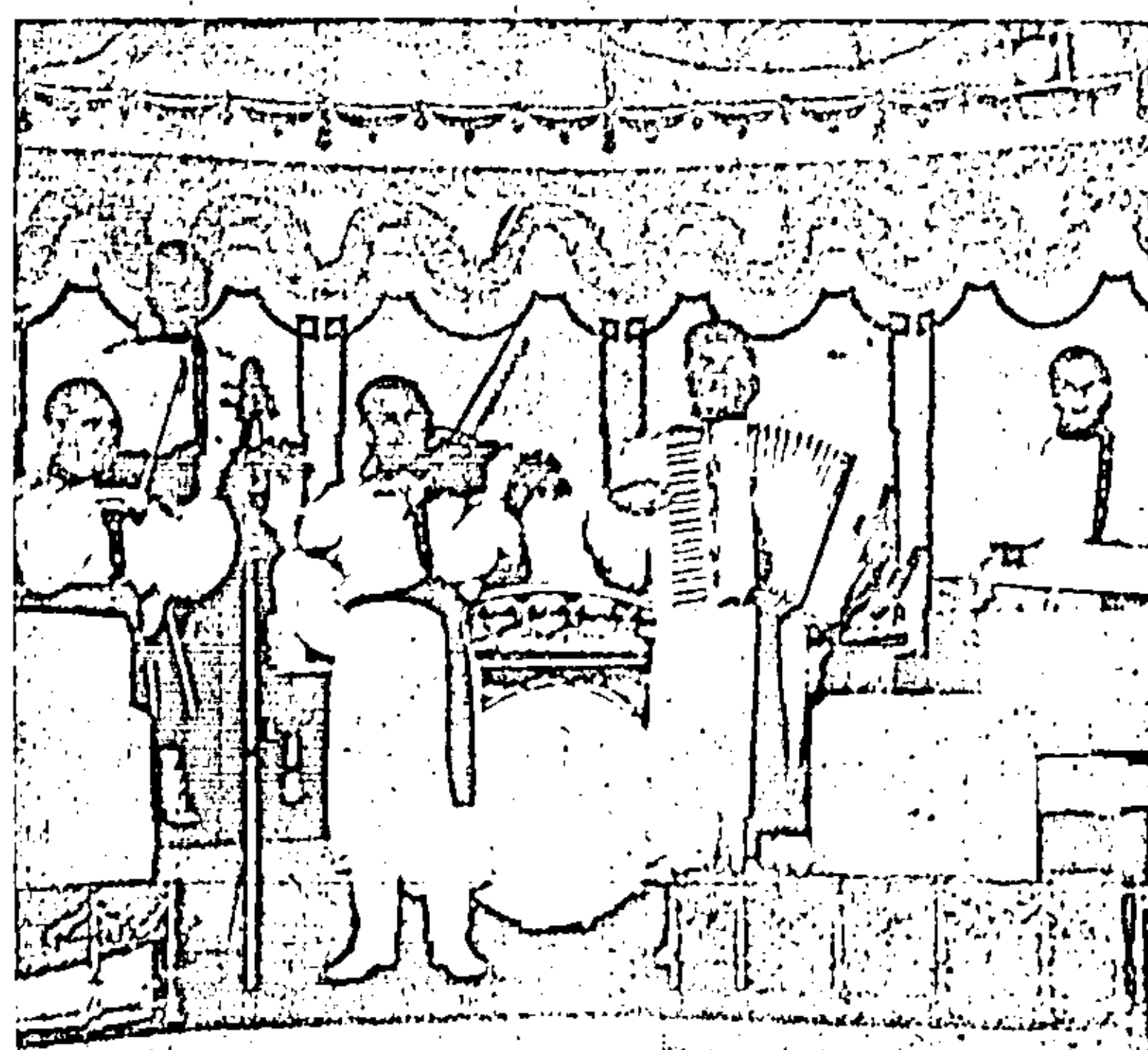


A charming group of children round the Christmas Tree in the residence of Mr. Leigh Garner. ("Herald" photo).

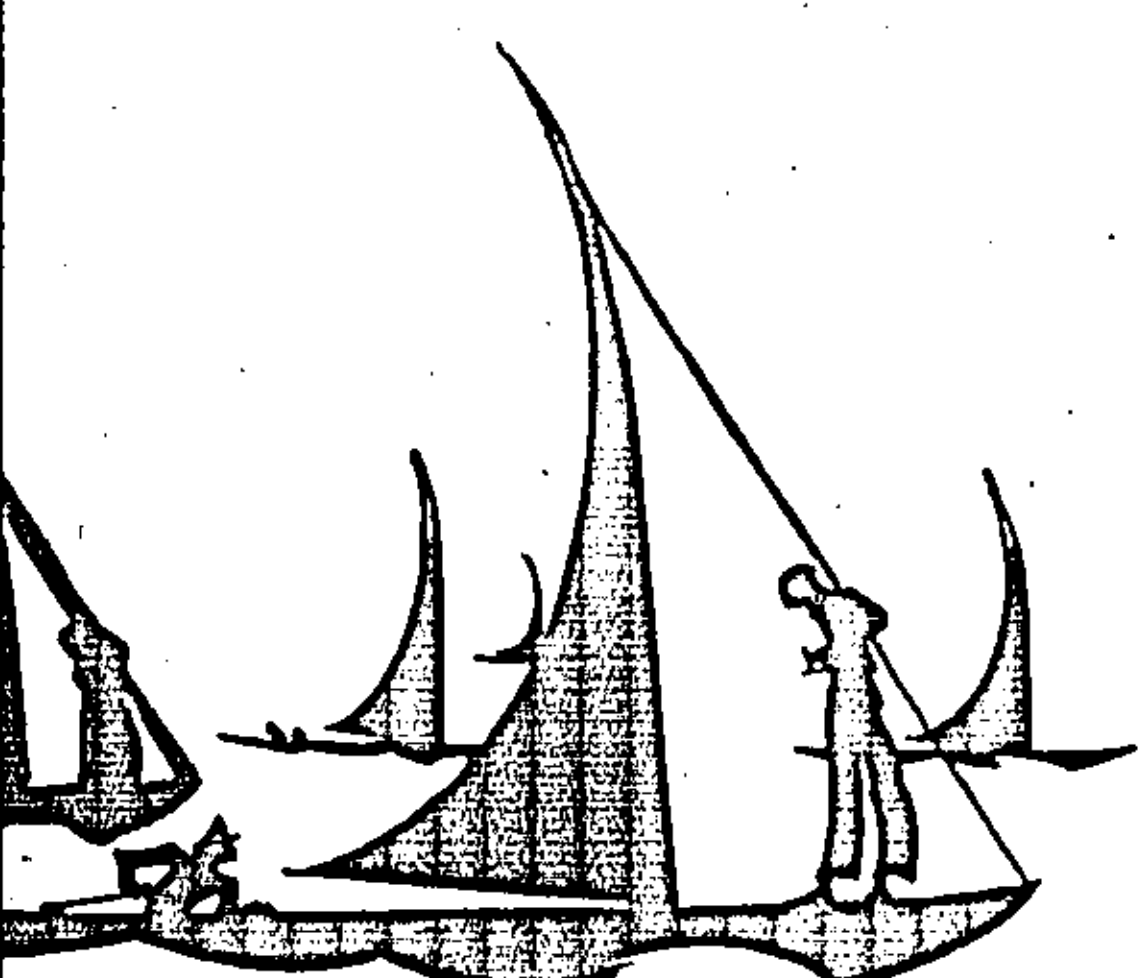


S.C.C. Christmas Party. ("Herald" photo).

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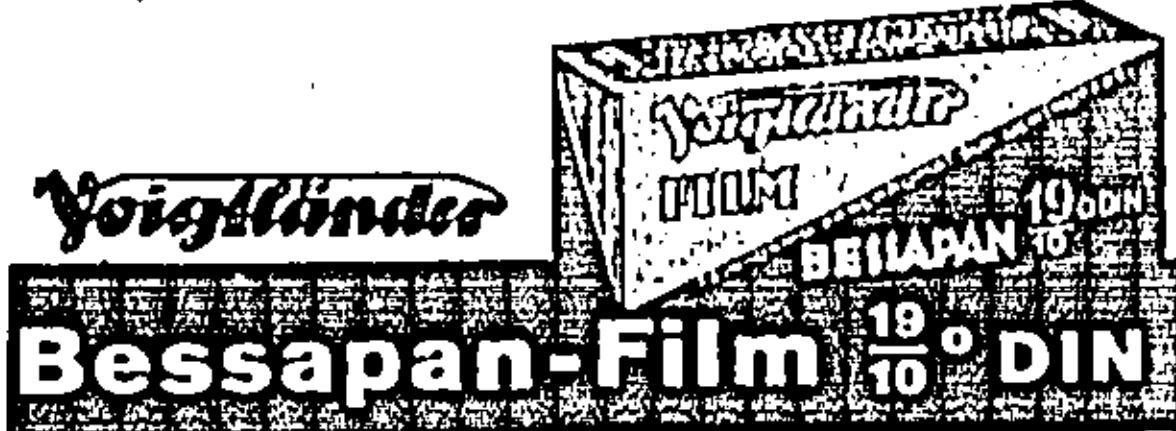


(Below)—Father Christmas and the obviously happy children at the party given by the Salvation Army. ("Herald" photo).



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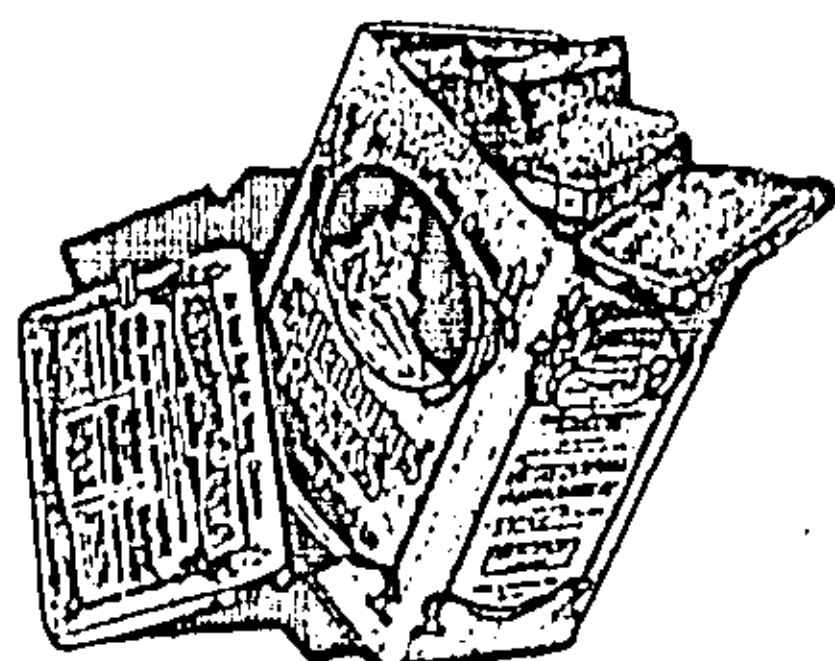


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A general view of the large party at the China Fleet Club on Christmas Eve when a dance was held by H.M.S. Cumberland. ("Herald" photo).



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The possibility of war harasses thinking men not so much because of alarming incidents—Europe and Asia have provided plenty of them of late—but because of the naked return of an armaments race, of opposing alliances and of "power politics," all of which preceded, and joined to cause, the last catastrophe.

The armaments thermometer alone would be taken to indicate a rise of temperature towards danger point.

Five years ago the world was spending £1,000,000,000 a year on arms—a tidy enough sum. Today the annual expenditure is well over £3,000,000,000. The seven chief Powers are spending at the rate of £5,000 a minute. That is at once the symptom and the cause of a grave disease.

Speaking of Britain and Germany at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in 1912, Mr. Winston Churchill said: "Our relations have steadily improved during the year, side by side with every evidence of our determination to maintain our naval supremacy. And the best way to make these relations thoroughly healthy and comfortable is to go right on and put an end to this naval rivalry by proving that we cannot be overtaken."

The former can scarcely contain insuperable difficulties for there is scarcely any reason why, if all other points were settled, Germany could not be allowed and assisted to proceed to the economic development of an area in Africa such as the London "Times" recently suggested, or of all that large and green "open spaces" part of Europe to the South-east which is crying for development by an industrial

power, as much as Germany is crying for raw materials. This could be developed within a sort of European "Ottawa" system for Germany though the States would, of course, retain their own sovereignties.

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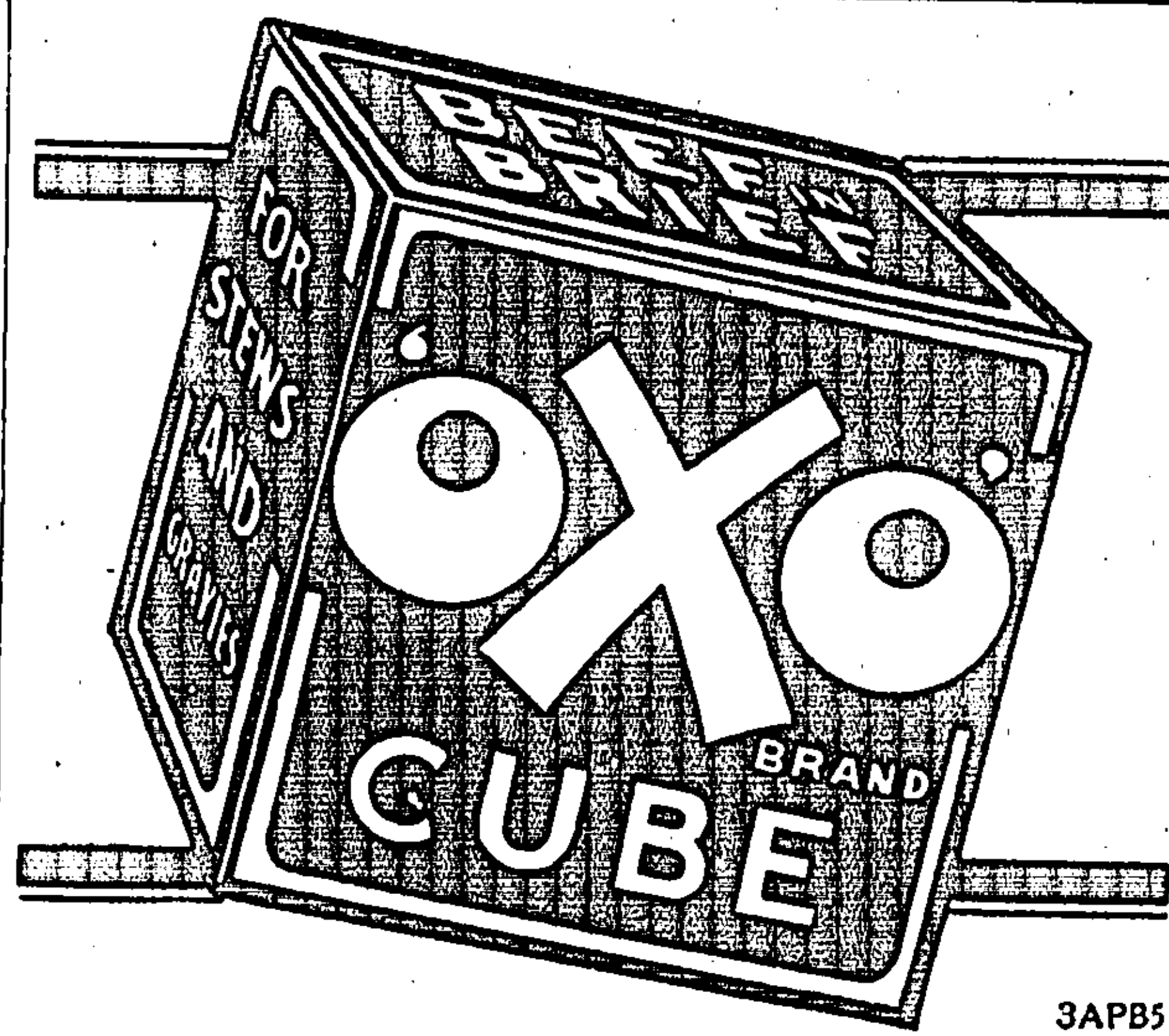
As for the imponderables—which must now be taken as the more vital factors behind Germany's conduct and her demands—they, too, should not present insuperable difficulties in a rational world, if only that world could be reliably taken as spinning towards peace instead of towards war.

From the British side, therefore, there must also come demands for the satisfaction of certain conditions before the necessary concessions could be made

to bring the real burial of the hatchet which every sane British and German subject must desire.

Alliances—the picking of teams for another war—cannot exist side by side with the organisation of peace. This demands the beginnings of a United States of Europe, not patchwork non-aggression pacts with particular Powers, for the peace fabric of Europe can scarcely be secured by odd safety-pins.

Britain's are not arrogant or selfish demands; nor are they tinged with a sly desire to clip Germany's wings any further than other Powers are willing to clip theirs. They refer to the basic principles of international collaboration—and, if they are accepted, who knows what concessions the British people and others would not feel strong enough to make to meet Germany's own conditions for collaboration?



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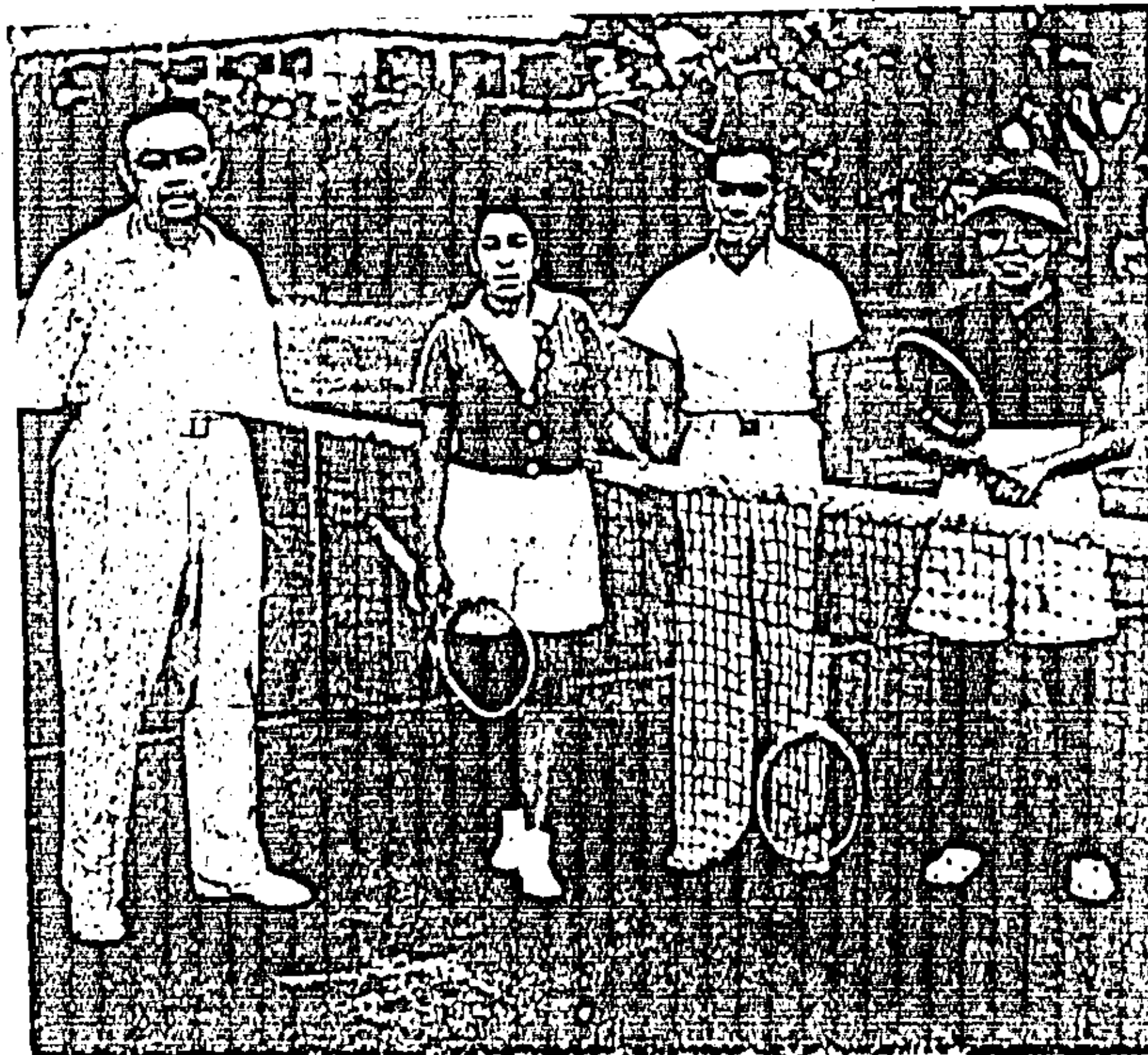


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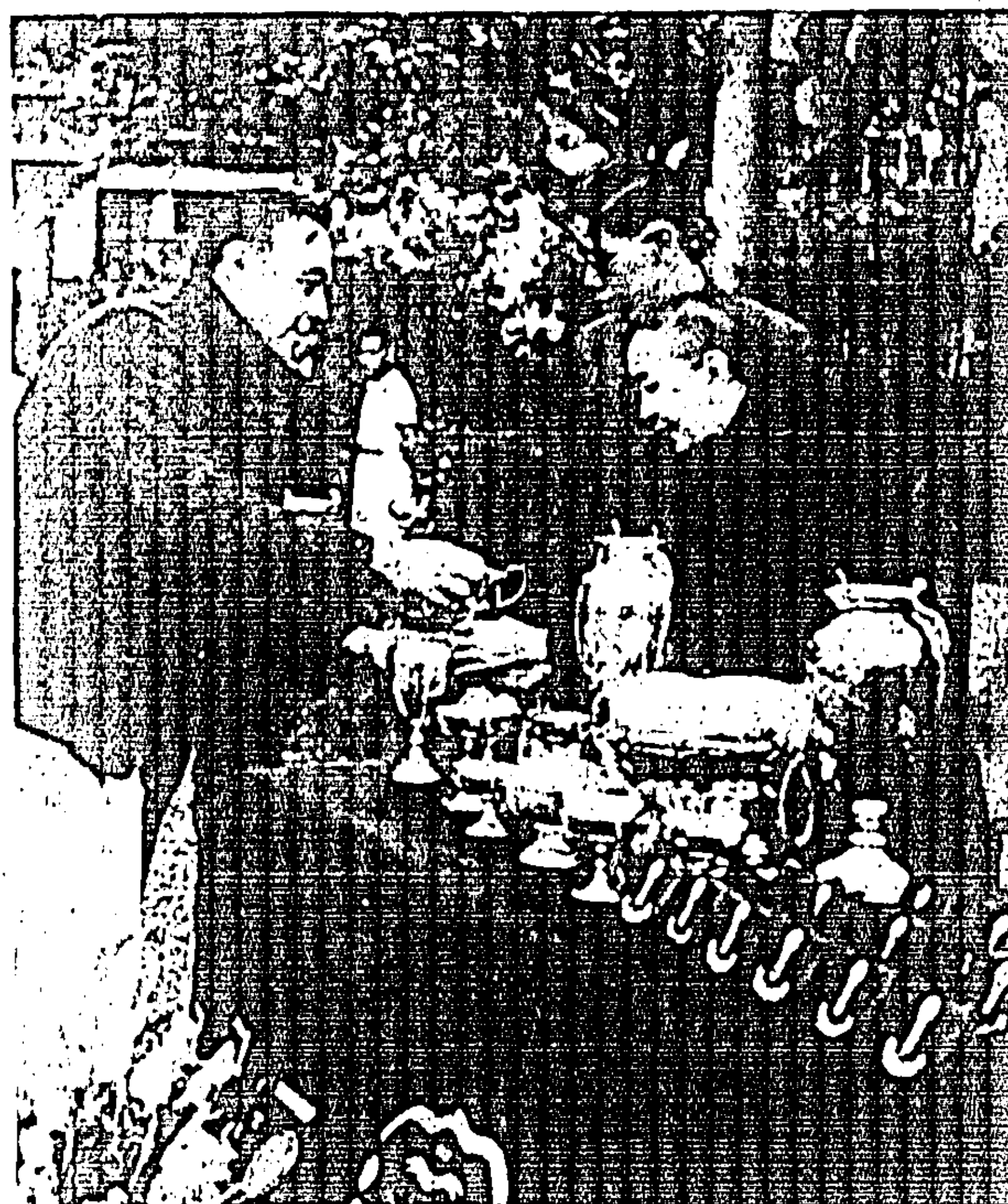
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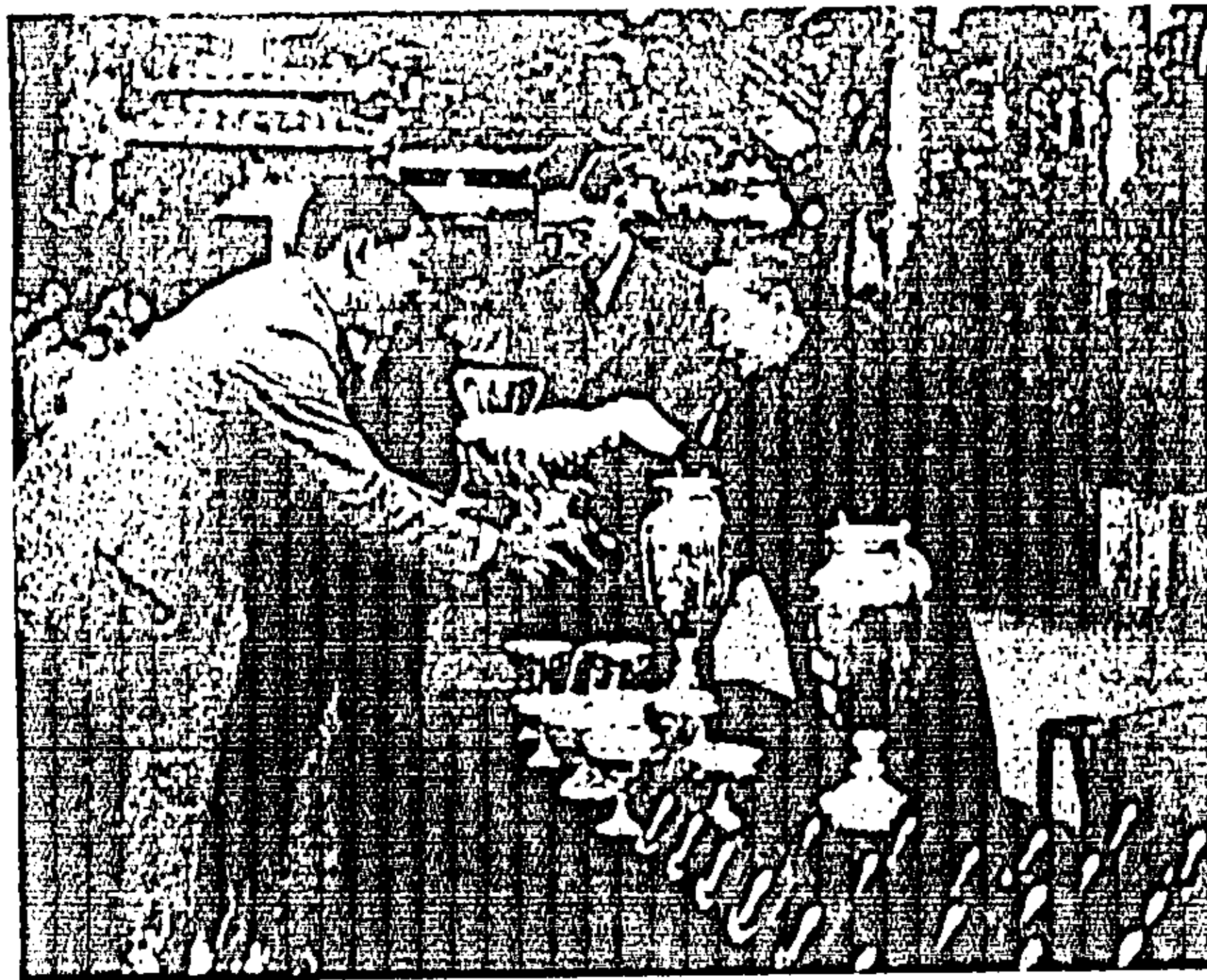
Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship



E. C. Fincher, Miss Rose Perry, H. D. Rumfah and Mrs. Chiu, winners and runners-up in the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship. ("Herald" photo).



E. C. Fincher receiving the trophy from Mrs. S. W. Tso after he and Miss Rose Perry had won the Colony Mixed Doubles Final at the C.R.C. ("Herald" photo).



Mrs. S. W. Tso presenting the trophy to Lee Wai-tong, who won the Men's Singles tennis title at the C.R.C. ("Herald" photo).



A happy group of kiddies at the C.S.C.C. Christmas Party. ("Herald" photo).

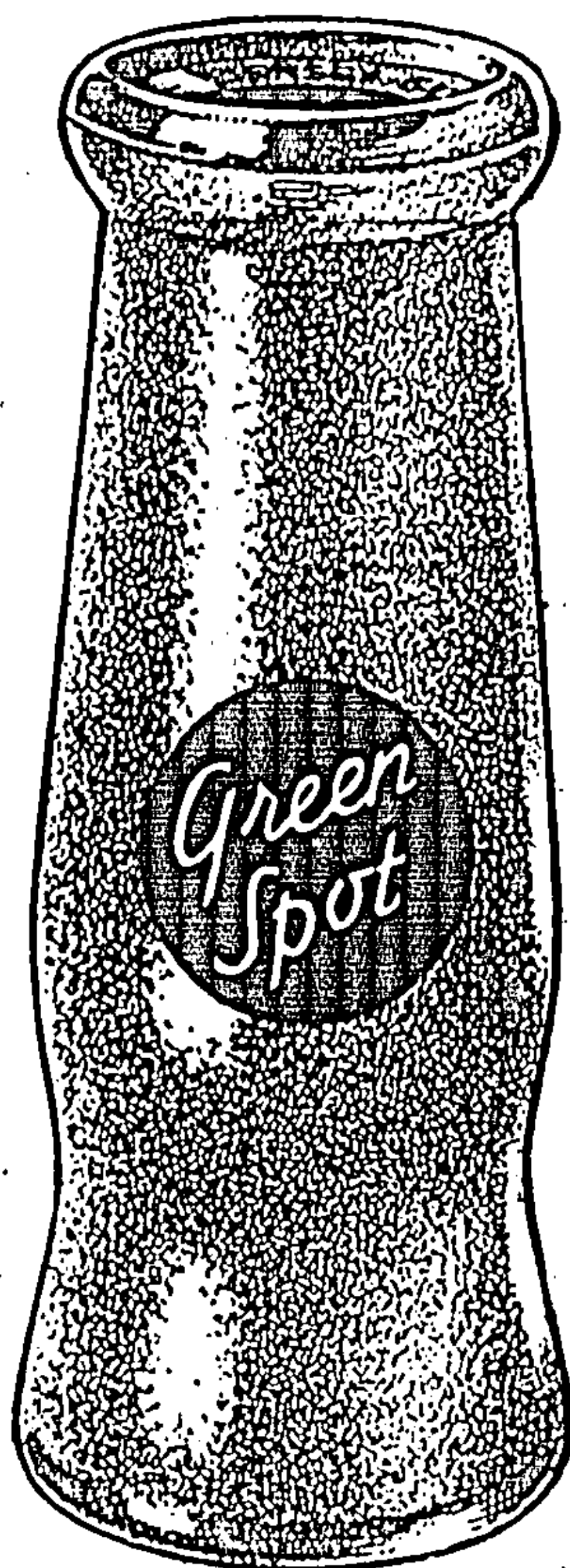
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The Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club had two former Colony Rugby stars in action recently when they met the U.S. Marines in a friendly game. These were W. H. B. Rigg, former Club and Colony full-back and centre-three-quarter, and F. R. Burch, who was vice-captain of the Club and an Interport forward.

Sports Chatter

One of the latest Clubhouses in the Colony, the new Kowloon Football Club is a decided acquisition and when completed should greatly add to the amenities of that Club. A single storied building, there is plenty of room inside, with changing rooms and lockers for footballers and lawn bowlers. At the moment footballers are making use of a matshed.

Bertie Gosano, who arrived in the Colony shortly before Christmas was a very disappointed man as he had to return to Swatow last Tuesday and this prompted him to refuse the invitation to lead Portugal's attack in their "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup encounter against England last Sunday on the K.F.C. ground. Bertie is keeping very fit in Swatow, playing soccer against visiting British warships and softball and baseball against U.S. warships.

K. A. "Tiny" Munro returned recently to the Colony from long leave and should prove a decided acquisition to the Club first Rugby fifteen in the Triangular Rugby Tournament. At the moment the Club still lack thrust on one of their wings, and Munro, if he can reproduce last season's form, should be just the man to fill the gap.

The Royal Navy will probably be without the services of one of their best Rugby wing-threequarters as a result of an accident on the cricket field last Monday. Sub-Lt. Kyrke, the Navy fast-bowler, was facing Robbie Lee's bowling when a fast ball glanced off his bat and struck him on the left eye, causing a big gash above the eye-brow. He was carried off the field and conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital by ambulance, the wound necessitating several stitches. The Navy Rugby side will find it very hard to fill the left-wing vacancy with a player of Kyrke's speed and ability.

Many who saw last Sunday's "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup clash between England and Portugal will agree with me, I am sure, when I state that Middleton, of the Navy, is one of the finest left-wingers we have had in the Colony since the days of Skinner. Possessing amazing speed and stamina, and a deadly shot while on the run, he was undoubtedly the most dangerous man on the field.

Some time ago I stated in these columns that the Club had probably never felt the pinch so much with regard to talent as this season. Last Monday Hill was again called upon to make up the Club team and gave a fine exhibition on the left-wing, a position he rarely, if ever, fills. He has now played in the full-back, half-back and forward lines of the Club team.

Forrow, the Club's centre-half, is due back, I hear, some time in February. He has been playing soccer at Home and the experience gained there should stand him in good stead. Sydney Strange, who is also on leave at the moment, is uncertain whether he will play again.

The Kowloon Indian Tennis Club are still hoping to carry on with their original plans for a new Clubhouse, but, owing to the restricted area to which the Club is confined, are now forced to await further developments. It is one of the most popular Clubs at King's Park and has a large membership of hockey and tennis players.

It is interesting to note that among the K.C.C. junior team playing against the Navy last Monday were F. J. Lay and W. S. Gegg, from the D.R.S. and C.B.S. respectively. This is in accordance with the policy of the K.C.C. to give every encouragement to young players, on whose account they have formed a junior section. Lay opened the batting and top-scored, while Gegg headed the attack with fair success.

Congratulations to Teddy Fincher on winning his first Colony tennis title—the Mixed Doubles, in partnership with Miss Rose Perry. Fincher has been in the Men's Singles and Doubles finals on six occasions only to be "pipped on the post." Miss Perry has made a clean sweep in local ladies' tennis. A word of sympathy for "H. D." and Mrs. Chiu, who have been runners-up in this tournament for the last four years.

K.C.C. senior eleven were defeated by the Navy in their annual Boxing Day match. It is not generally known, however, that a K.C.C. man was almost directly responsible for this result. Owing to the absence of Sub-Lt. Kyrke, who had been injured, H. Brokenshire filled as substitute for about 15 minutes. During this period he took two brilliant catches to dispose of A. E. Perry, who was batting in brilliant style, and G. P. O'Brien, one of the best bats in the side. From 92 for 2, a collapse then set in and the remaining batsmen were bundled out for only 127 to turn almost certain victory for the club into defeat.

By the Judge

Playing against the Army in the Triangular Tournament cricket match for the Club last Monday, Alice Pearce hit one of the biggest sixes seen on that ground for some time. The ball soared over the screen at a tremendous height and landed on the first floor of the Law Courts. The next ball was also hit for six and he was then given out l.b.w.

I understand that R. E. Lee, the Interport and K.C.C. cricketer, intends to take up badminton. He is now resident at Kowloon Tong and will probably join that club.

C. B. Easterbrook, who was one of the most enthusiastic members of the now defunct Kowloon Rugby Club, left for Home recently by the Ranpura. I understand that he is not returning to the Colony.

W. L. Alexander, the well-known local golfer, left the Colony by the Ranpura.

W. MacHardy, the former Police and Interport soccer goalkeeper, returned from leave last week and is now stationed at Central.

W. Hodge won the first Lawn Bowls Singles championship of the Prison Officers' Club at Stanley recently. It is understood that this club will probably be joining the Lawn Bowls League next season.

Dobson, a newcomer to the Royal Engineers, is reputed to be a good goalkeeper, having played for the Corps in England. Another useful addition to the Sappers' team is Diamond, another new arrival, who plays at left-half.

Parker, the Police soccer left-half and hockey player, is still in hospital but hopes to be out soon.

G. S. Wilson, A.S.P., has recently returned from leave and will probably be seen playing hockey for the Police team in the near future.

W. E. Hollands has been appointed representative of Eastern Athletic Association on the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association in place of Mr. Lam Ming-fan, who has resigned.

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It is not generally known by local cricketers that Sgt. Goodger, who plays for Army "A", was in Hong Kong many years ago and played cricket with considerable success.

O. M. Omar, the Craigengower lawn bowler and cricketer, contemplates playing soccer for Kowloon Football Club.

A. Rumjahn, the former St. Joseph's junior right-half, has joined Eastern Athletic Association and will be playing for their junior team.

I learn that P. E. Tan, prominent University badminton player, will be returning to Malaya during the latter part of this month and that he will be married soon after his arrival there.

J. Agafuroff won the Civil Service Cricket Club's lawn tennis handicap singles tournament by beating J. Bradshaw by 2-0, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

J. R. Pengelley carried off the Civil Service Cricket Club Lawn Tennis Singles Championship when he beat F. Bradley by 6-4, 8-6, 3-6, 6-4.

J. R. Pengelley won another tournament trophy at the Civil Service Cricket Club, when he was given a walk-over from A. Warr in the Final of the Handicap Singles event.

After an absence of almost two months, Miss Ulian Khoo, of Hong Kong University, will be seen in action in the Badminton Mixed Doubles League next week.

Miss M. Silva, of Club de Recreio, is playing very well this season. She and M. A. Oliveira should be able to put up a good showing in the coming Colony Mixed Doubles Championship competition.

Fus. Rowlands, the Kowloon Football Club goalkeeper, injured his right ankle last Tuesday evening in the friendly Rugby game against the Navy. He was compelled to leave the field shortly after the interval.

Lt. W. Elliot, former England and Navy Rugby stand-off-half, who was operated on for tonsillitis three weeks ago, turned out for a Naval trial team last Tuesday against the Army, but it was evident then that he was not quite fit yet.

R. D. Allen, a fine all-round cricketer from Malaya, is now in the Colony and will turn out for the H.K. C.C. during his stay here.

Judging from their recent successes in the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League, Kowloon Tong Club are strong contenders for the title this season.

Arrangements are now in hand for a Squash Rackets Championship of the Colony, to be held in the very near future, and with the wealth of talent available in the Navy, Army, and Hong Kong Cricket Club, the success of such a venture seems assured. The Club and the Army share the courts in Garden Road, while the U.S.R.C. and Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank also have squash courts.

Lt.-Col. Teverham, a newcomer to the Colony, is a batsman of considerable promise and should be a decided acquisition to the Army cricket team.

Lt. Comdr. Studholme, the Navy cricketer, is a crack shot with a sporting rifle and does a good deal of clay-pigeon shooting.

THE COX. MAN OR WOMAN?



Miss L. M. Dillon, President of the Oxford University Women's Boat Club, complete with sweater, collar and tie, cap coat and trousers, not forgetting the Eton-cropped hair, certainly has the appearance of a man when acting as cox while coaching the Women's Eight on the Thames at Oxford. (Fox Copyright).

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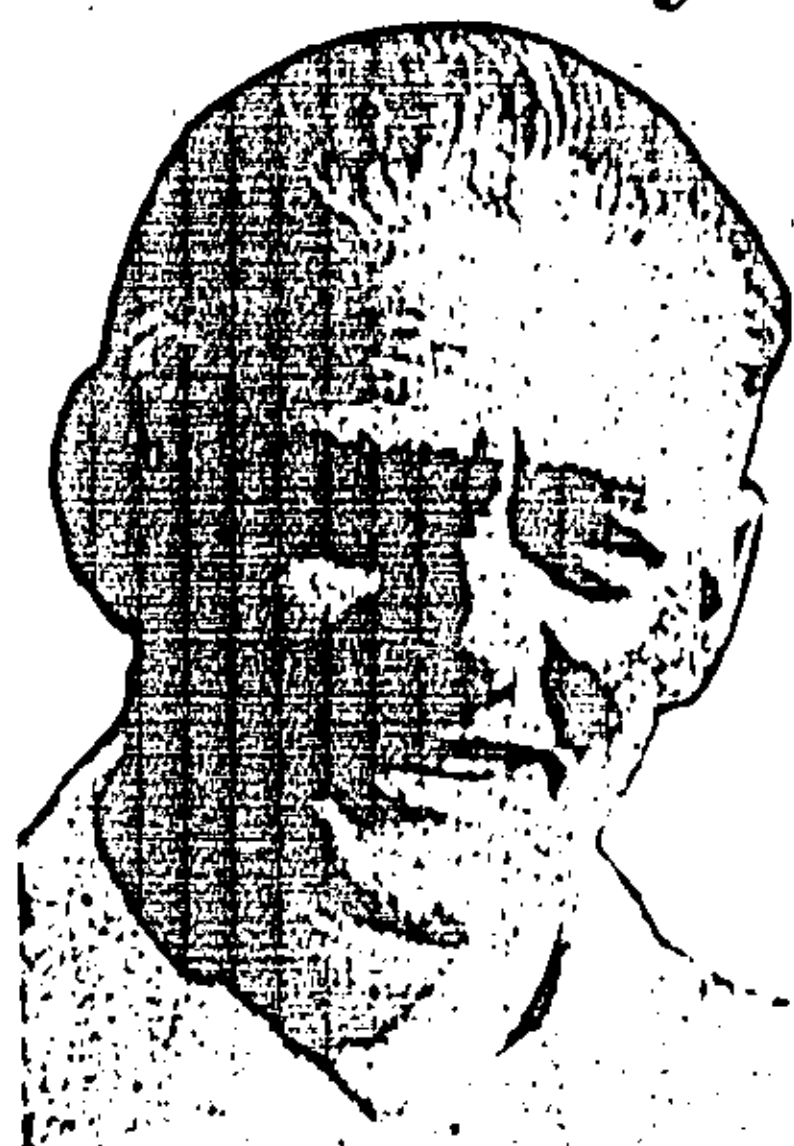
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C.B.E. CONFERRED ON MISS GRACIE FIELDS

London, Yesterday.

At the head of the New Year's Honours is the Viscounty conferred to Lord Nuffield for public and philanthropic services.

In recent years, Lord Nuffield has made a series of benefactions of unprecedented munificence for the benefit of the distressed areas, for medical research at Oxford and for a new college there to be devoted to post-graduate research on social sciences in which academic and practical minds will be brought into collaboration.

Another philanthropist, Mr. E. W. Meyerstein, who has given large amounts to the Middlesex and other hospitals, is included among the thirty-five new knights.

Five new Barons are: Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, 1925 to 1930, and now Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, Sir Leonard Brassey, former Unionist M. P., Sir John Ganzoni, Unionist M. P. for Ipswich, Sir Henry Lopes, Chairman of Devon County Council, and Sir Percival Perry, Chairman of the Ford Motor Company.

P.C.

Sir John Anderson, lately Governor of Bengal, is made a Privy Councillor, along with Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, who has held a number of junior Ministerial posts since 1931, and Lord Lucan, Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms.

Five baronetcies are conferred, the recipients including Sir Vernon Thomson, Chairman of the Tramp Shipping Subsidy and Administrative Committees. Included among the new Knights Bachelor are Mr. G. Reeves Smith, Chairman of the Coronation Accommodation Committee, Dr. Sibly, Vice-Chancellor of a number of packages addressed to high Government leaders, the post office officials called in explosives experts, who established that the parcels contained infernal machines.—Trans-Ocean.

Reading University.

The Reverend Herbert Dummies, Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means between 1929 and 1931, and Mr. Robert Simon Rolo, for services to the British community in Egypt.

Mr. H. A. Gynne, editor of the "Morning Post" until its recent amalgamation with the "Daily Telegraph," becomes Companion of Honour.

Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, whose appointment to the new post of Chief Diplomatic Adviser responsible directly to the Foreign Secretary is announced simultaneously, is promoted in the Civil Division of the Order of the Bath to Knight Grand Cross.

ORDER OF BATH

Appointments to the Civil Division of the Order of the Bath include Sir Archibald Carter, Permanent Secretary to the Admiralty, and Mr. Kenneth Clark, Director of the National Gallery and Surveyor of the King's Pictures, both as Knights Commander.

Promotions in the military division of the Order of the Bath include Admiral Sir Roger Backhouse, Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, and General Sir A. Wauchope, High Commissioner, Palestine, to be Knights Grand Cross and General Lord Gort, Chief of Imperial General Staff, to be Knight Commander.

K.C.M.G.

Dr. Earle Page, Minister for Commerce and Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, is appointed Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. Other appointments to, or promotions in, the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George are: Sir Francis Floud, High Commissioner in Canada, as Knight Commander, Mr. A. F. Grimble, Governor of the Seychelles and Sir Wilfred Southorn, Governor of Gambia and former Colonial Secretary in Hong Kong, also as Knights Commander.

The Sultan of Shihir and Mukalla, Aden Protectorate, becomes sub-honorary member, second class, of Knight Commander.

Other appointments to, or promotions in, the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, include Mr. H. H. Hall, an Inspector-General of Consular Establishments, and Sir E. Monson, Minister Designate to Sweden, to be a Knight Commander, and Mr. J. L. Dodds, Acting Counsellor at Tokyo, and Mr. H. Lloyd Thomas, Minister at Paris, to be Companions.

Other new Companions are Mr. Francis Homming, Secretary of the Non-Intervention Committee, and Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. D. Bridge, Secretary General to the British Council.

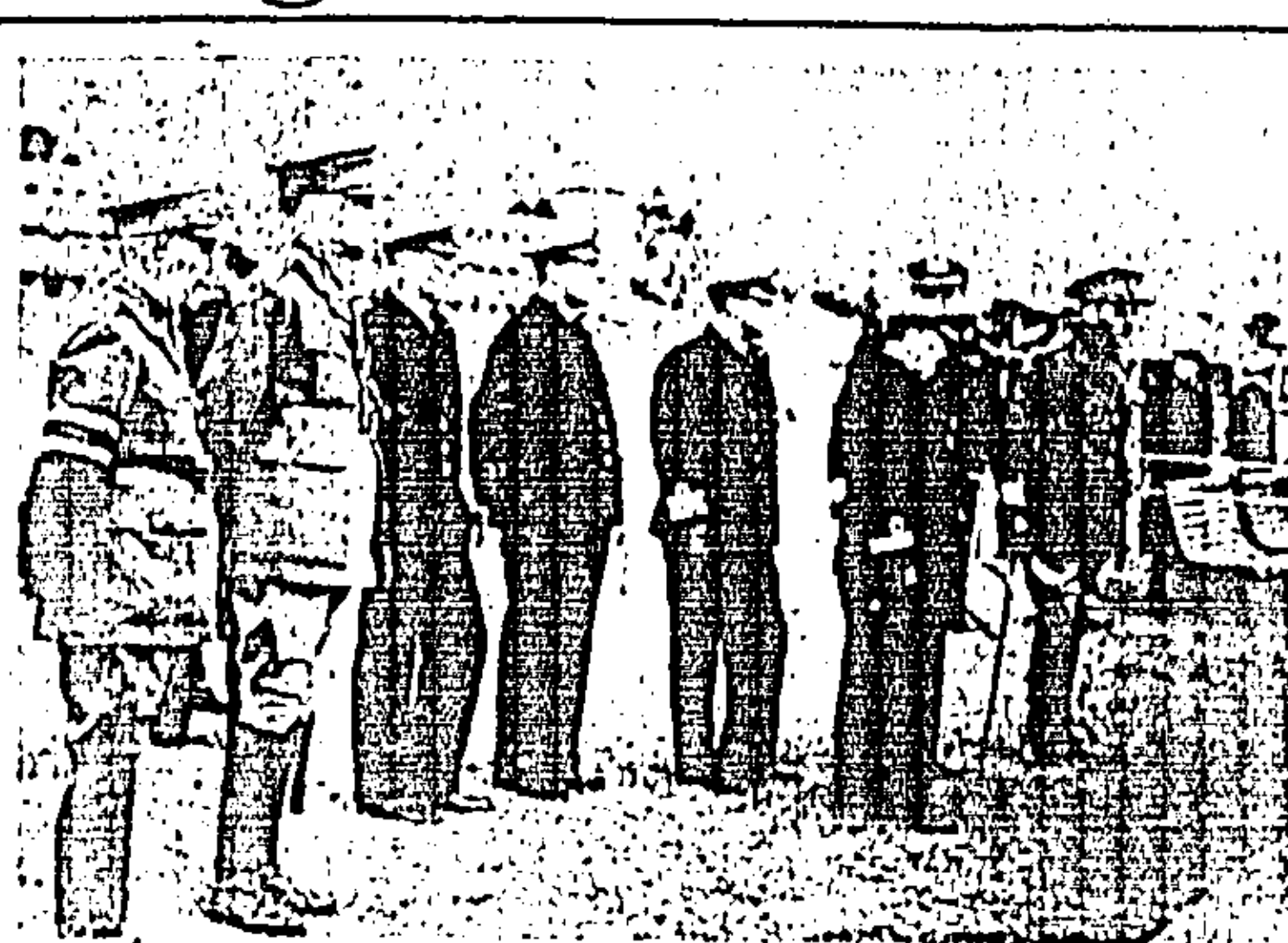
GRACIE FIELDS

The stage is honoured in the C. B. E. conferred on Miss Gracie Fields.

Mr. J. B. Monck, Assistant Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, becomes a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Lord Horder, Physician in Ordinary to the King, is promoted G.C.V.O.

Notable among women recipients of honours is Mrs. Pyke,



Naval and military officers at the annual inspection at Happy Valley on Thursday of men of H.M. ships. The salute was taken by the acting Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Crabbe. ('Herald' photo).

T.U.C. GENERAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS LABOUR BOYCOTT OF JAPAN

London, Yesterday.

It is understood that a joint meeting of the Trades Union Congress General Council, the national executive of the Labour Party and the executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party, will be held in London on January 7 to consider matters of policy arising from the China situation.

The question of Trade Union action in support of a boycott of Japanese goods, is expected to arise, as the British section of the International Transport Workers Federation, at the meeting in London last week, after deciding to support a policy of boycott, resolved to leave it to the joint meeting to make a decision in regard to future action.

Dockers in Southampton and Glasgow have already decided unofficially not to handle goods from Japan or to Japan, but the President of the International Transport Workers Federation has issued a warning that there are difficulties to be encountered as far as British transport unions are concerned, and that a boycott rests with the general public.—Reuter.

who presided at the last annual Conservative Conference, and is promoted Commander of the Order of British Empire.

K.B.E.

Sir Andrew Duncan, Chairman of the Central Electricity Board from 1927 to 1935, who resigned to undertake a post in connection with the reorganisation of the iron and steel industries, is made Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire.

Mr. W. A. MacCallum, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce at Buenos Aires, becomes a C.B.E.

Mr. A. S. Clavert, until recently Consul at Jeddah, is appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

Air Marshal W. G. S. Mitchell, member for Personnel on the Air Council, becomes Commander of the Bath.—British Wireless.



Nasser Pasha, dismissed by King Farouk, is now accused as having sought to establish a 'Wafdist Dictatorship'.

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Five New Battleships Next Year

London, Yesterday.

Three to five new battleships are confidently predicted in the Navy Estimates for 1938, says Mr. Hector Bywater, the naval correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

Thus, ten capital ships may be building during 1938 to 1939, and it may be necessary to lay the keels of two ships at Portsmouth and Devonport.

Mr. Bywater declares that if the balance of power is to be maintained, more battleships must be started this year, for when the five building enter service, Germany, Italy and Japan will have at least nine similar ships ready.

He adds that this year's battleships are expected to be more powerful than the King George V.—Reuter.

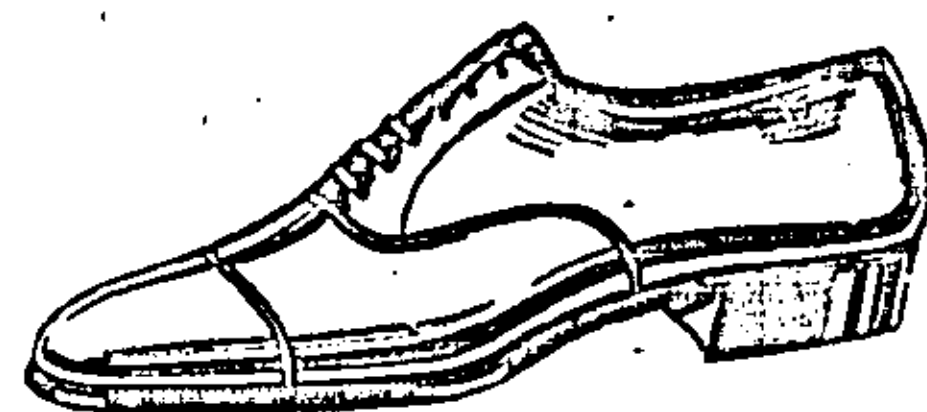
ASSASSINATION PLOT IN MOROCCO FRUSTRATED

Tetuan, Yesterday.

An attempt to assassinate high Spanish and Arab personalities in Spanish Morocco was foiled by post office employees yesterday.

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a number of packages addressed to high Government leaders, the post office officials called in explosives experts, who established that the parcels contained infernal machines.—Trans-Ocean.



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SITUATIONHOT SPRINGS
FOR CENTRAL
HEATING
SYSTEMReykjavik (Iceland),
Yesterday.

A plan which proposes to utilise the famous Icelandic hot springs for a central heating system, is now beginning to take definite shape.

The Municipal Council of Reykjavik announces that a British concern have declared their willingness to grant the city a loan of 3,750,000 Icelandic crowns, provided the British firm receives the contract for construction of a central heating plant.

The Raykier Spring, which is to be utilised for the scheme, furnishes 150 litres of hot water per second, which is said to be enough for supplying heat for all the houses in the capital.—Trans-Ocean.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Revenues of the German State Railways increased by 415,000,000 marks in 1937.—Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama on Friday at 1.00 a.m. and is due at Vancouver on January 12th at 2.00 p.m.

Ambassador
Confers With
G.O.C. In Egypt

London, Yesterday.

The Egyptian developments were the subject of a lengthy exchange of opinions yesterday between the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Miles Lampson, and the Foreign Office, as well as between the commander-in-chief of British troops in Egypt and the War Office.

Although details of the conversations have not been made public, it is known that the open break between the young King Faroukh and the Wafd Party is being regarded in political circles with mixed feelings.

The general attitude seems to be that following months of negotiations which finally brought about an apparent settlement of the Egyptian problem, the present disturbance comes at an inopportune moment in view of the clouds already obscuring the political horizon.

ITALY'S HAND

While the press is following the Government example in maintaining strict reserve in expressing opinions, certain papers evince an outspoken sympathy for King Faroukh, whose energetic action against Wafd Party is explained to the latter's endeavour to undermine his political position and interrupt his social reform programme.

Several papers also hint in guarded form that Italy also has a hand in affairs.—Trans-Ocean.

SIR HENRY
CHILTON: TALK
OF RETIREMENT

London, Yesterday.

The British Ambassador to Spain, Sir Henry Chilton, who is stationed at Hendaye, arrived in London yesterday.

Asked by pressmen whether there was any truth in press reports that he would not return to his post, Sir Henry explained that normally he should have retired in October, when he reached the age limit of 60.

In view of the Civil War, however, decision regarding his retirement had been deferred.

WISHES NOT KNOWN

The decision now rested with the Foreign Office, whose wishes were not known to him.

Informed quarters in London declare that a decision on the Ambassador's retirement has not yet been taken, and that Sir Henry is now merely on leave.—Trans-Ocean.

ATTACK ON HIGH
COST OF LIVING

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YESTERDAY.

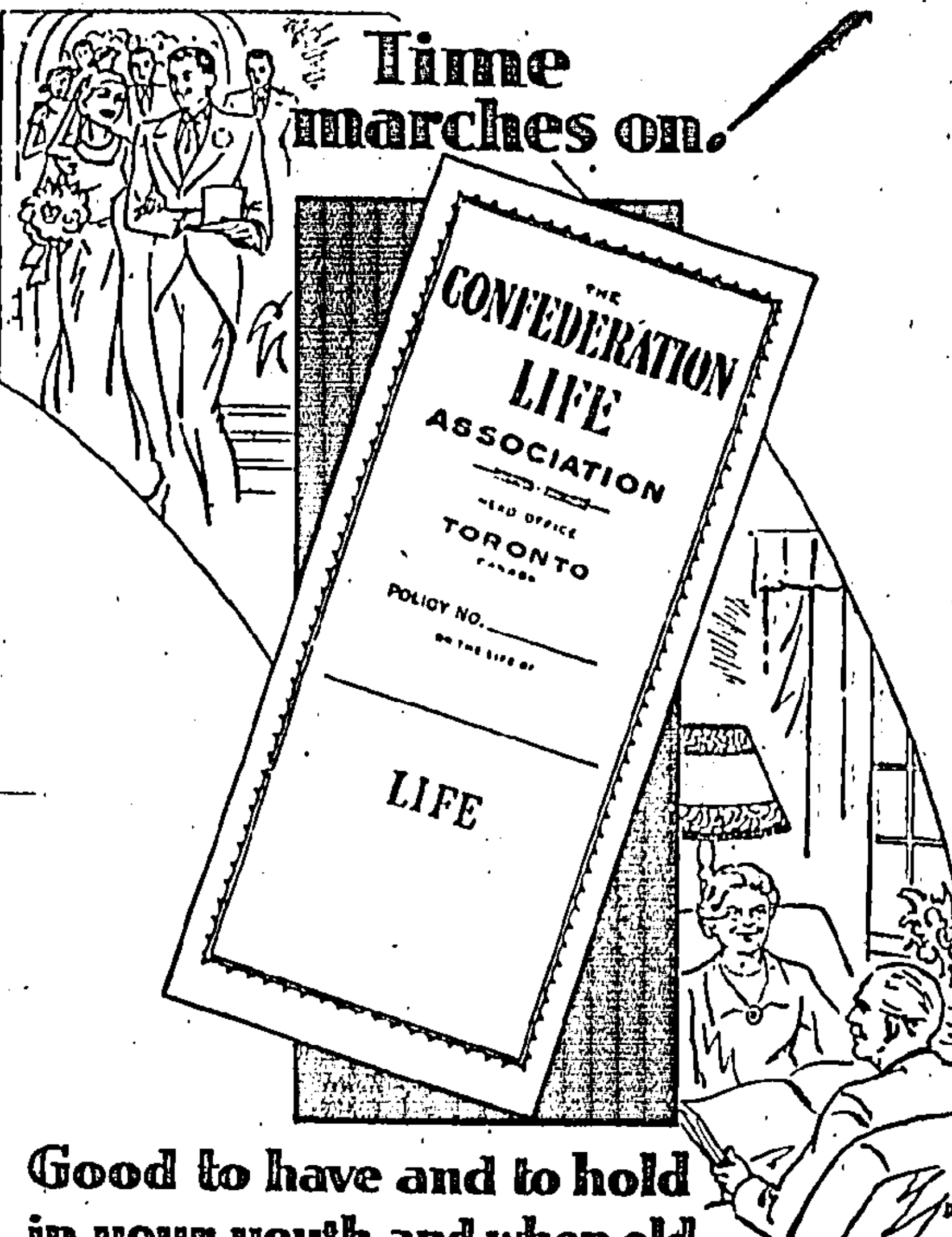
REDUCTION OF FOOD-STUFF PRICES WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST ECONOMIC MEASURES TAKEN BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

It is declared that the sugar trust may be reorganised or perhaps even dissolved, in order to lower the price of sugar.

Dissolution of other cartels is also under consideration.

Thorough press reform on national lines and thorough elimination of all Jewish influences is expected to be announced on New Year's Day.—Trans-Ocean.

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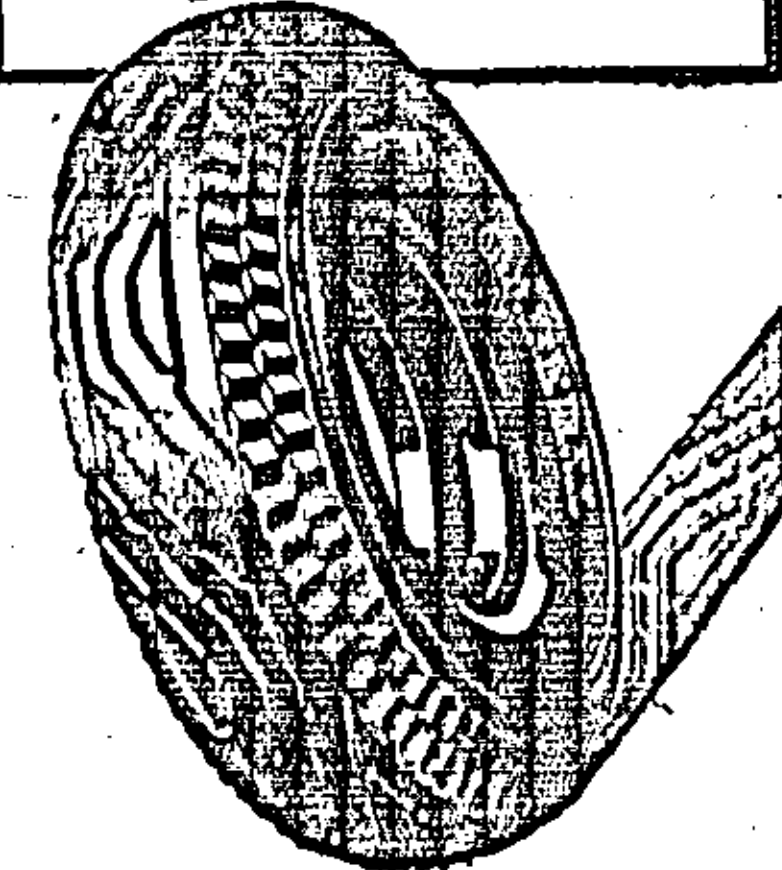
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CHARITY FUN FAIR AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE

A spirit of enthusiasm and patriotism featured the "Fun Fair" held by the Hong Kong Students' Relief Association at St. Paul's Boys' College yesterday in aid of medical relief work in the North and Central China War Zones.

The function was officially opened at 11 a.m. by the Association's Honorary Adviser, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who before declaring the Fair open, made a stirring speech in the course of which he appealed to the visitors to do all they possibly could to make the function a success.

Mr. Leo Ching-lu, Chairman of the Association, followed with a brief talk in which he explained the purpose for organising the Fair and expressed thanks, on behalf of the Association, to all who contributed various articles, and to the helpers who have worked patiently for the past month to make the function successful.

Three Chinese plays were rendered by the students of Chinese schools, while the band of St. John's Ambulance Brigade (Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division) entertained visitors with musical items.

The proceeds will be sent to the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Relief Society and to the Canton Christian Union.

Race Selections For Macao

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ROTHESAY BAY
FAIRY OUSEL
Outsider.—Meadow Eve

RACE NO. 2
HOHENFELS
COUREUR BLEU
GOLD CLAUSE
Outsider.—Yogmanay

RACE NO. 3
EMERGENCY CALL
LANCASHIRE TICH
PERSIAN CAT
Outsider.—Copper Idol

RACE NO. 4
SHANGHAI 4
VICTORY LIFE
SHIH YIN GRAND
Outsider.—Morning Tip

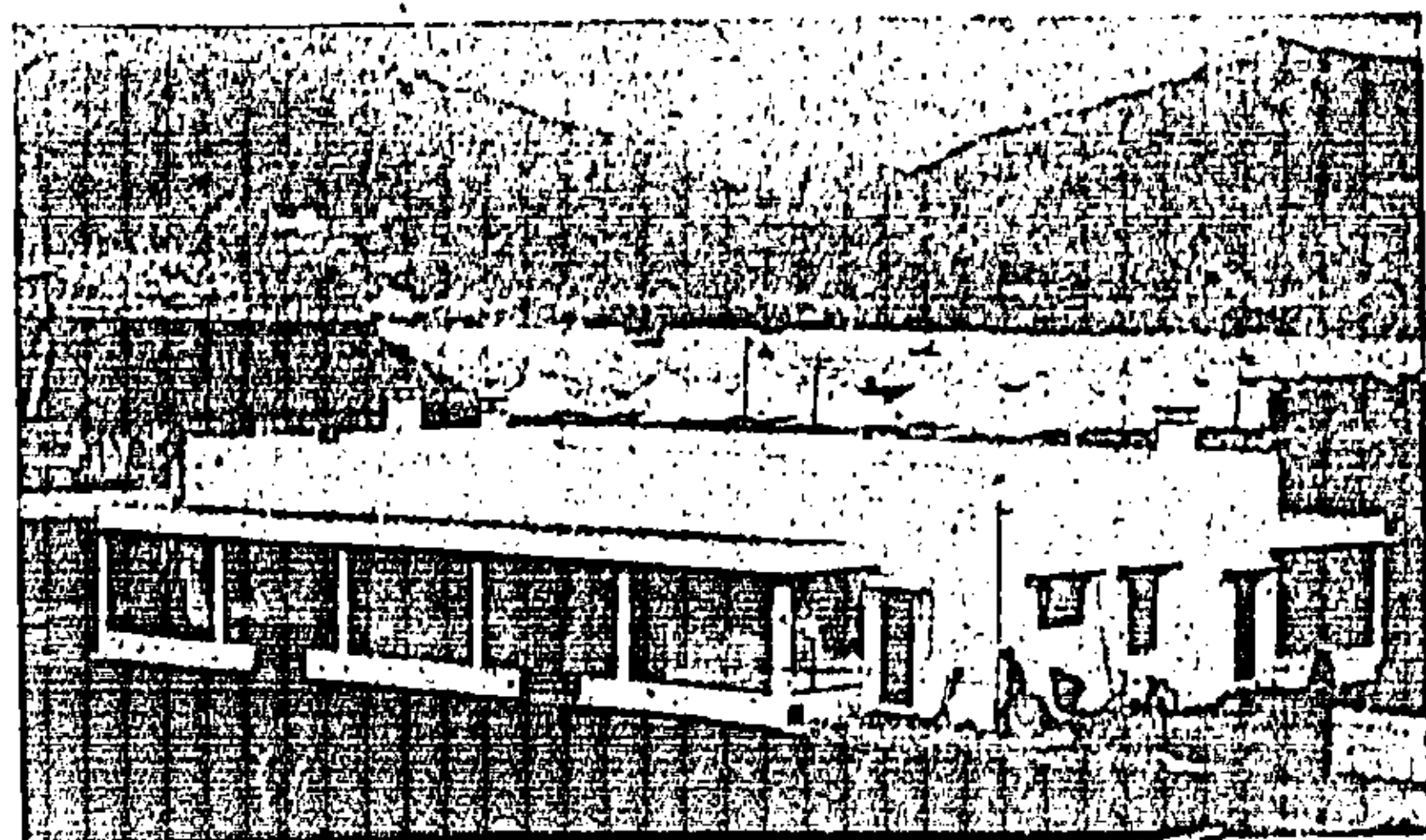
RACE NO. 5
GOLD SOVEREIGN
ROYAL CONSORT
LAUGHING CAVALIER
Outsider.—Voltaire

NO SOFTBALL TO-DAY

Refreshments were also served and this department alone realised almost \$1,000. The students of St. Stephen's Girls' College and the Heep Yuen Girls' School were in charge of refreshments.

RED LETTER DAY AT K.F.C.

Big Attendance At Formal Opening Of New Clubhouse



The new headquarters of the Kowloon Football Club, formally opened by Mrs. N. L. Smith yesterday in a gala atmosphere. ("Herald" photo).

South China Athletic Meet

Keen sport was witnessed at Caroline Hill yesterday when the events of the first day of the 15th Annual Athletic Sports of the South China Athletic Association were held.

The St. Joseph's team, composed of D. Leonard, C. D'Almada e Castro, N. Delgado and A. Hussain, broke the record for the Open Relay race after being fully extended by the Middlesex Regiment. South China won the other heat easily and were only one fifth of a second outside the record.

The sports will be continued this morning at 10 a.m. when no less than 20 events will be decided. The prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Lo Tung-fun, wife of the chairman of the Association.

The following were yesterday's results:—

Hop and Jump (Men) Final:—1, Yu Kai-yan; 2, Mak Siu-hung. Distance: 39ft. 6ins.

100 Metres (Men) Heat:—

First Heat:—1, Cheung Nai-shing; 2, Chu Siu-hang; 3, Lee Hung-foo.

Second Heat:—1, Yu Kai-yan; 2, Lee Hung-kwai; 3, Chan Wing-nim.

100 Metres (Ladies) Final:—1, Miss Ng Man-fung; 2, Miss Lo Man-su. Time: 14.8 secs.

100 Metres (Boys) Final:—1, Lo

Nai-hung; 2, Tam Siu-sang; 3, Lau Shiu-lin.

Long Jump (Ladies) Final:—1, Miss Lo Man-su; 2, Miss Fung Mui-yuen. Distance: 12ft. 11ins.

200 Metres (Men) Final:—1, Lee Hung-foo; 2, Lee Hung-kwai; 3, Mak Siu-hung. Time: 26 secs.

High Jump (Men) Final:—1, Chan Cheuk-shing; 2, Cheong Nai-shing. Height: 6ft. 6ins.

50 Metres (Ladies) Final:—1, Miss Ng Man-fung; 2, Miss Lo Man-su; 3, Fung Kiu-yuen. Time: 7.3 secs.

1,500 Metres (Men) Final:—1, Wong Yan-hing; 2, Yeung Wah-sang; 3, Hau Ching-to. Time: 4.45 secs.

400 Metres (Men) Final:—1, Leung Kam-tai; 2, Tong Shiu-ching; 3, Yuen Pak-hung. Time: 58.8 secs.

Relay Race Open to the Colony (400 Metres, teams of four):—

First Heat:—1, St. Joseph's Football Club; 2, Middlesex Regiment. Time: 47.6 secs.

Second Heat:—1, South China; 2, Wanchai School. Time: 48 secs.

10,000 Metres (Men) Final:—1, Yeung Wah-sang; 2, Lam Kin-fan; 3, Heng Kut-sang; 4, Wong Kwong-yuk; 5, Tam Wei-choi; 6, Ip Chick-wai; 7, Cheung Yiu-wing. Time: 40 mins. 45 secs.

Forty-Four Years Of Club History Recalled

Yesterday was a Red Letter Day in the history of the Kowloon Football Club, when, in the presence of a large gathering of members and their friends, the Club's commodious new headquarters, were formally opened.

The ceremony was performed by Mrs. N. L. Smith amid enthusiastic applause, after which the club was "At Home" to a large company.

Accompanied by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, the Colonial Secretary, Mrs. Smith arrived shortly after noon and was received by Major C. M. Manners, president, and Mr. R. Hall and the party were piped to their seats by Pipe-Major W. C. K. Mackie, playing "My Home."

Major Manners said:—It is my pleasant duty to-day to preside at what will undoubtedly be remembered as a landmark in the history of the Kowloon Football Club.

On behalf of the Committee and members, I extend a hearty welcome to you all, and hope we shall have the pleasure of your presence on many future occasions to watch the "muddled oafs" on the adjacent pitch.

I know I am expected to refer briefly to the history of our Club, but in view of the general "Hogmanay" feeling of us all this morning, I can assure you I shall be as brief as possible.

The Club like so many other Kowloon sports institutions, started its being at the Kowloon Docks, which many of the present generation are all too liable to forget.

This Club's history has been closely connected with the Docks, and many of our ablest officials and our best players have been Dock people.

44 YEARS AGO

At the inception in 1894, when Mr. J. N. Henderson was President and Captain, the Club membership was thirteen only, but they were all players. We had no ground of our own, and matches were played at Kowloon Docks and below Knutsford Terrace. In 1899 the Institute of Engineers took over the team, and matches were played at Causeway Bay; in 1901, the V.R.C. to all intents and purposes ran the team, which functioned with varying fortunes until 1911, when the Club commenced again in Kowloon under the aegis and guiding hand of "Uncle" Mitchell, whose photo I am glad to say will still hang in a place of honour in the Club House. In 1922 we acquired the present ground, and our first club house was a makeshift which stood with its back to the Railway Line. Stalwarts of that day were Jerry Morgan, Ken Mason, Frank Wheeler, Freddie Cleme and of course our perennial tower of strength "Jock" McKelvie. I am informed on good authority that members of the Bridge School which then met nightly are still with us, although the "Four Musketeers" have disbanded.

TYPHOON DAMAGE

Two years after acquiring the ground we built our wooden clubhouse, which was added to from time to time until January 1926 when it was extended to the building which has just been demolished, and which served us nobly until the typhoon of last year revealed its weaknesses, and we decided to proceed with the erection of the building which we formally open to-day. Had it not been for the unremitting work and care of our friend, "Bob" Hall, and the personal interest and assistance of his namesake C. M. Hall, there would have been no clubhouse, and I take this opportunity of extending the Club's thanks to both these gentlemen.

We are grateful to the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith for their presence here to-day; Mr. Smith's interest in football in the Colony is well known, and we take it as a happy augury for the success of our Club that Mrs.

C.A.A. OPEN AMBULANCE HEADQUARTERS

A very pleasant function took place yesterday at No. 2A, Western Street, when the new Headquarters of the Chinese Athletic Association Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade was officially opened.

Mr. Lau King-tsin, Divisional Patron, together with Mr. Chan Ping-kwong, Divisional Superintendent, and officers welcomed the guests among whom were Mr. Li Sing-kui, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. M. Wong, the vice-chairman, and Mr. Li Jouson.

Mr. Alfred Morris, Director of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Association, was unable to attend the opening, but paid a visit to the premises later in the afternoon.

GROUP MEETINGS

In extending a welcome to the guests Mr. Lau, who spoke in Chinese said:—

"To-day our Divisional Headquarters is established and we extend to you a very hearty welcome here and on behalf of the Division I thank you for the honour you have done us by coming."

"The Chinese Athletic Association Division was founded some nine years ago but owing to the fact that we never had any permanent meeting place, group meetings, etc., in the past, have been somewhat difficult to arrange, so that the establishment of the new headquarters should prove to be of the greatest value. Now that we have these premises our work should, in the not far distant future, show a decided improvement."

FIRST AID CLASSES

"Last month we started two classes in order to emphasise the value of a knowledge of first aid, especially in these troubled times, and lectures on anti-gas measures were also given."

"The first group totalling some 200 boys should complete their course in the course of the next few days."

"The object of this function is to broadcast the fact that we are paying special attention to the training of young boys and any one desirous of enrolling will be made very welcome."

"To-day is the 27th anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of China and in wishing you a very Happy New Year, I want to extend a special greeting to our foreign friends, who have done so much to help us in our work."

Speeches were also made by Mr. Li Sing-kui, Messrs. Wong Yui-tsing, Tang Chi-ting, Chung Pak-ling, Chan Ping-kwong, the Superintendent of the Division, Tse Long, Divisional Superintendent of the King's College Division, and Mr. Lam Chifung, the representative of the Relief Union of Chinese Seamen.

Smith has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony. I hope that all of you will enjoy a happy and successful year during 1938, and in expressing the wish that it may be a successful year for both our teams I have much pleasure in asking Mrs. Smith to declare this Club House open.

FORMAL OPENING

Mr. Gifford-Hull then presented Mrs. Smith with a basket containing a key with which the clubhouse was officially opened. A cocktail party was held, at which members of the Club entertained officials of other Clubs and their friends.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT THE K.C.C.

Thronged as in former years with a large gathering of delighted youngsters, the annual children's sports organised by the Kowloon Cricket Club were an unqualified success yesterday.

Influenced by the Regimental Band of the Kowloon Rifles, the grounds presented a festive appearance in which flags and bunting played a prominent part.

For those children who were not running, there were other attractions in which all the tastes of the tots were catered for.

The large programme of events was concluded without the slightest hitch and reflects great credit on Mr. G. A. White, the special secretary, and his committee of helpers for their untiring efforts. In this connection, special mention must be made of the following ladies who rendered invaluable services:—Mrs. Maria Fincher, Mrs. Alice Mackenzie, Miss Beale, Miss Ethel Mudd, and Mrs. Olive Burnett.

His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, president of the Club, in introducing Lady Northcote, who presented the prizes, mentioned that the sports had been held annually for 32 years and although he himself had been present on 21 occasions, he had little doubt that among the older members, there were others who had attended every year.

He thanked Lady Northcote for coming all the way from Fanning to present the prizes and mentioned that her two big interests were gardening and children.

He paid tribute to Mr. G. A. White and his committee for the excellent manner in which the sports had been organised and then called upon Lady Northcote to present the prizes.

BOYS

Flat Race (11-14 years):—1, Albert O'Dell; 2, Lionel Strange; 3, Arthur Carlo.

Boat Race (under 9 years):—1, Brian Pengelly; 2, Andrew Fabel; 3, David Baldwin.

Flat Race (8-11 years):—1, Telford Ferguson; 2, Donald Lo; 3, Michael Hartman.

Sack Race (9-14 years):—1, Albert Odell; 2, John Fabel; 3, Telford Ferguson.

Obstacle Race (under 12 years):—1, Alan Imrie; 2, Reg. Pengelly; 3, Donald Andrews.

Flat Race (under 4 years):—1, Keith Armstrong; 2, Henry Litton; 3, Karl Neef.

Flat Race (4-6 years):—1, Peter McRae; 2, Gerald Weill; 3, John Shand.

Potato Race (under 12 years):—1, Tommy Lo; 2, David Odell; 3, Donald Andrews.

Flat Race (6-8 years):—1, Alan Jex; 2, Norman Lo; 3, Desmond Roger.

Tug of War (8-14 years):—Dick Matti, Michael Newton, Paul Harriman, George Scott, David Odell, Arthur Carlo, John Labrum, and Ivor Nesteroff.

Three Legged Race (under 12 years):—1, Jimmy Ramsey and Bobby Harper; 2, Lionel Strange and Jackie Strange; 3, George Nesteroff and Nigel Pearson.

Relay Race (under 14 years):—Michael Harriman, John Fabel, Jackie Strange and Teddy Harris.

GIRLS

Flat Race (11-14 years):—1, Kathleen Hyde-Lay; 2, Vivienne Jon; 3, Mona Shand.

Skipping Race (under 9 years):—1, Dawn Ramsey; 2, Constance Robertson; 3, Elizabeth Gittins.

Flat Race (8-11 years):—1, Joan Millard; 2, June Martin; 3, Helen Logan.

Potato Race (under 12 years):—1, Dawn Ramsey; 2, Joan Millard; 3, Jacqueline Kew.

Egg and Spoon Race (under 8 years):—1, Angela Court; 2, Margaret Currie; 3, Dawn Dickson.

Flat Race (under 4 years):—1, Helen Orr; 2, Jackie James; 3, Averill Court.

Flat Race (4-6 years):—1, Anna Armstrong; 2, Joyce Guest; 3, Margaret Clarke.

Skipping Race (9-14 years):—1, Sheila Cooper; 2, Mollie Jack; 3, Mae Brown.

Flat Race (6-8 years):—1, Joyce Cave; 2, Phyllis Harper; 3, Angela Court.

Musical Chairs (under 12 years):—1, Fay Carlo; 2, Margaret Roger; 3, Beryl Goldenburg.

Egg and Spoon Race (8-14 years):—1, Vivienne Jex; 2, Joan Clarke; 3, Annette Lansbot.

Relay Race (under 14 years):—1, Mona Shand; 2, Yvonne Blackmore; 3, Pamela Pass; 4, Mollie Jack.

Band Race:—1, Rfm. Ram Singh; 2, Rfm. Chuttoo Singh; 3, Rfm. Jam Singh.

YACHTING RESULTS

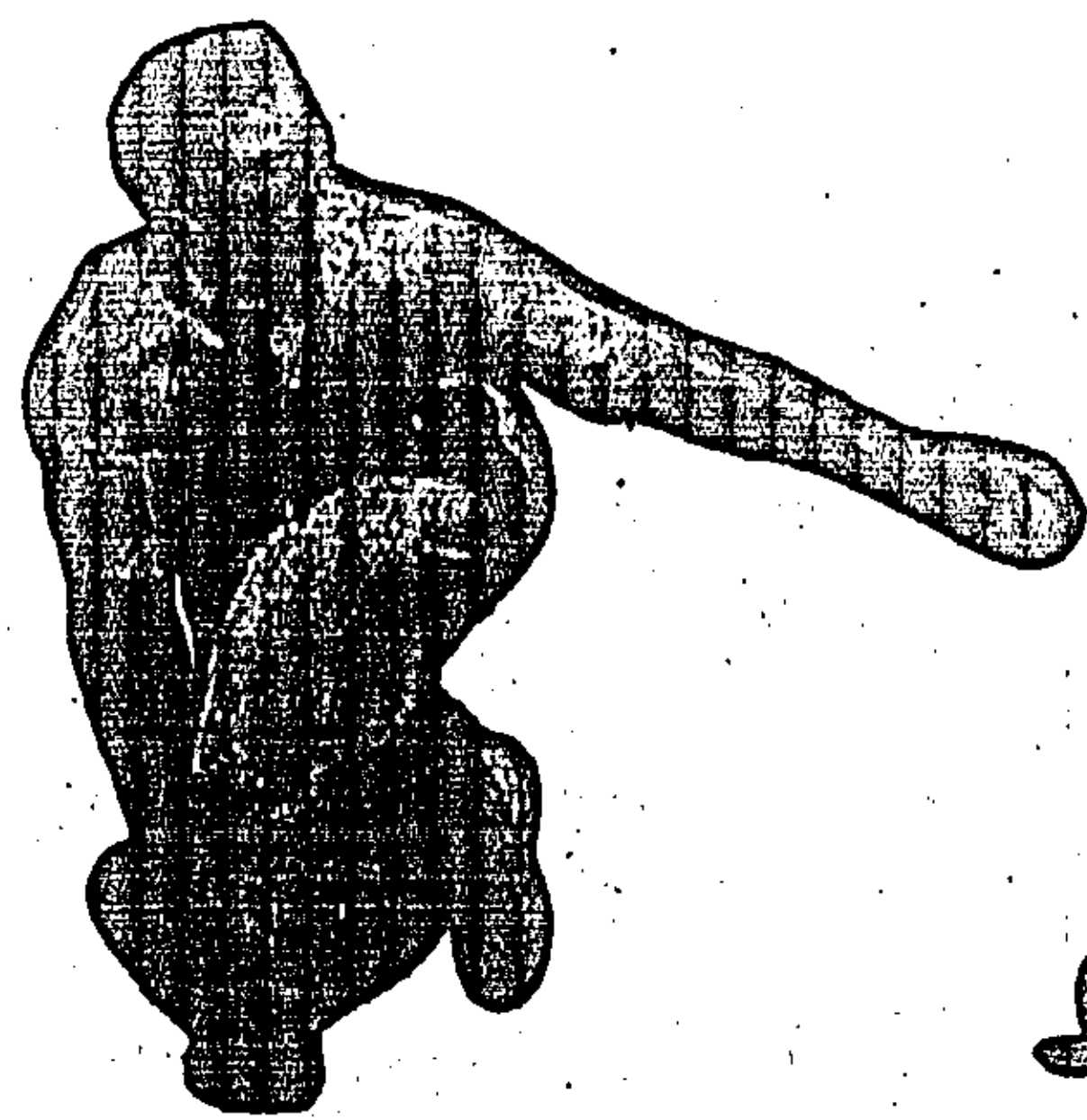
The fourth Corinthian series of yacht races, held under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, were sailed yesterday over a course of 9.5 miles and resulted in a win for Colleen (Capt. C. A. Luckin) in the "H" Class, while Jenn (Col. G. C. Goward) won the "A" Class event. Eunice (Lt. M. Blake, R.N.) won the event for the "G" and "I" and "Y" Classes.

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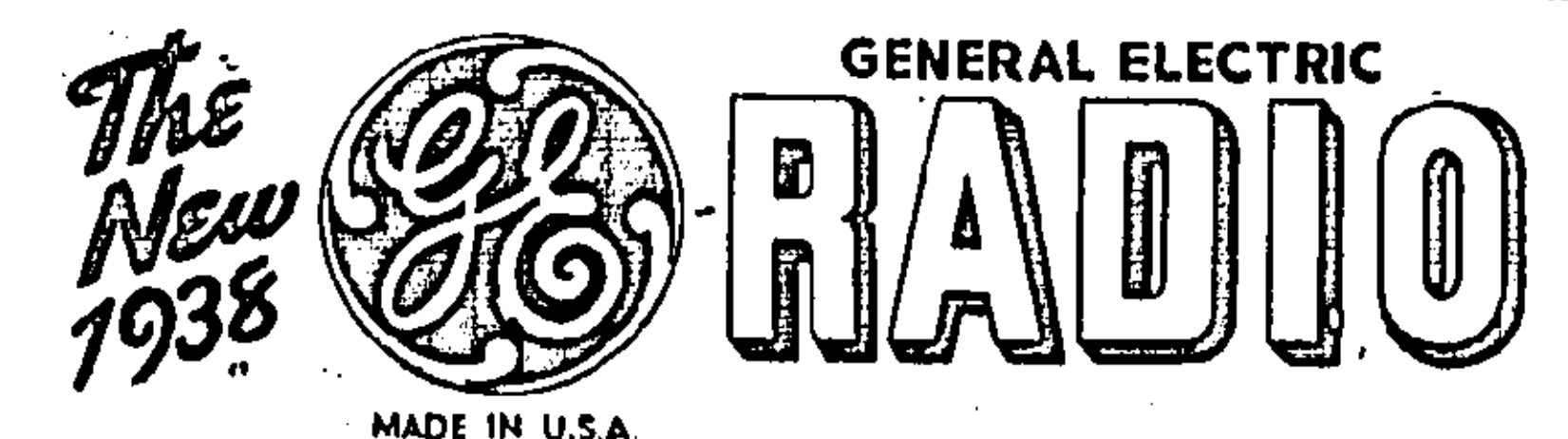
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Club Beat Navy By 8 Runs WHITMARSH SCORES 77 IN DOUBT KNOCK

The final game of the Triangular Cricket Tournament, played yesterday on the Club ground between the H.K.C.C. and the Navy, resulted in a thrilling win for the former by the narrow margins of 8 runs.

The Club, who by virtue of their victory have won the championship, batted first and were dismissed for 156. Highest scorer was H. Owen Hughes, who hit eight boundaries in an innings of 48.

In partnership with D. McLellan, who hit a six and seven fours in his 45, he added 64 runs for the sixth wicket, but thereafter, there was a collapse and the innings realised 156. Coombes and Woods were the most successful bowlers, each capturing three cheap wickets.

Despite a sound innings by Capt. Whitmarsh, who included 11 boundaries in his 77, the Navy were dismissed for 148 after being 11 for 5. Comdr. Boucher batted pluckily for 38 and assisted Whitmarsh to add 3 for the sixth wicket.

R. D. Allen, who is on a visit here from Penang, bowled very well indeed to capture 4 for 15 in 9 overs.

H.K.C.C.	
J. B. Leckie, b. Cotman	2
F. Marshall, run out	28
T. A. Pearce, l.b.w., b. Cotman	41
R. D. Allen, l.b.w., b. Cotman	45
D. McLellan, b. Paxton	6
G. A. Stewart, c. Whitmarsh, b. Boucher	4
H. Owen-Hughes, b. Woods	48
F. Stokes, c. Skelton, b. Boucher	13
F. Baker, c. Wilson, b. Woods	13
J. L. C. Pearce, not out	2
A. W. Hayward, b. Woods	8
Extras (B9)	8
Total	156

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
Boucher	17 3 55 2
Cotman	9 0 15 2
Whitmarsh	4 0 22 1
Paxton	4 0 22 1
Woods	7 5 0 24 3

ROYAL NAVY	
Mid. Wilson, l.b.w., b. Owen-Hughes	0
A. B. Smith, c. Hayward, b. Baker	2
Sub. Lt. Skelton, b. Baker	77
Capt. Whitmarsh, b. J. L. C. Pearce	77
Lt. Cotman, c. Allen, b. Owen-Hughes	12
Lt. Com. Pugh, b. McLellan	12
Com. Boucher, b. Allen	20
Lt. Com. Waymouth, c. T. A. Pearce	0
Com. Wauchone, b. Allen	8
P.C. Tel. Paxton, c. Owen-Hughes	0
b. Allen	0
Ltd. Tel. Woods, not out	0
Extras (B8, NB1)	9
Total	148

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
Baker	17 3 47 2
Owen-Hughes	17 3 47 2
J. L. C. Pearce	6 5 0 24 1
McLellan	5 0 22 1
T. A. Pearce	3 1 10 0
Allen	9 1 16 4

FINAL STANDINGS	
Club	P.
Navy	2 1 0 1 4
Army	2 0 1 1 1

University Beaten

The annual Hong Kong University Past versus Present cricket match was held yesterday, commencing at 11 a.m., on the Pokfulam Road ground and resulted in a win for the former by 37 runs, brilliant all-round play by Donald Anderson, who hit 176 boundaries in scoring 95 out of 176, and then took 5 wickets for 22 runs, featuring the match.

PAST STUDENTS	
D. J. N. Anderson, c. Lingam, b. Teul	95
D. Hung, b. K. L. Ng	11
E. Zimmerman, c. Teul, b. Teoh	17
A. T. Lee, b. Teoh	0
F. R. Zimmerman, b. Teoh	0
W. H. Sling, b. Teoh	21
A. Baker, b. Teul	15
C. W. Lam, b. Teul	2
J. L. Youngs, b. Teul	4
E. J. M. Churn, run out	6
F. E. Zimmerman, not out	6
Extras (B17, LB2, WB1)	20
Total	190

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
K. L. Ng	11 2 47 1
Teoh	17 3 47 2
Teul	8 0 34 3
Hong Choy	3 0 16 0
Ride	3 0 30 0
Lingam	3 0 30 0

PRESENT STUDENTS	
J. Fong, l.b.w., b. Lam	13
J. Teul, l.b.w., b. Lee	06
L. T. Ride, b. F. R. Zimmerman	10
V. Lingam, b. F. I. Zimmerman	17
C. H. Teoh, b. Anderson	22
G. Hong Choy, b. Anderson	6
K. S. Oh, b. Anderson	1
K. L. Ng, c. D. Hung, b. Lee	7
W. G. Chin, not out	7
L. H. Tan, b. Anderson	0
R. Symons, b. Anderson	3
Extras (B9, LB5, NB1)	15
Total	100

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
F. R. Zimmerman	6 2 13 1
Baker	6 0 25 0
Leo	12 8 39 2
Lam	5 1 20 1
F. I. Zimmerman	3 0 21 1
Anderson	8 4 0 22 5

Army Beat Club

In a friendly junior cricket encounter at Sookunoo yesterday, Army juniors beat Hong Kong Cricket Club juniors by 12 runs.

D. S. Robb hit seven boundaries in his 45, while W. Stoker bowled very

accurately for his 7 wickets for 37 runs.

ARMY 2ND XI	
C. S. M. Northcott, b. Stoker	8
Lt. Sgt. Baker, b. Stoker	21
Sgt. Bennett, c. Fox, b. Swain	6
Sgt. Goodger, l.b.w., b. Swain	9
Sgt. Painter, c. McKenzie, b. Swain	0
Lt. Hook, l.b.w., b. Stoker	15
Lt. Cpl. Moore, b. Stoker	5
Pte. Coombes, b. Stoker	1
Pte. Smith, not out	28
Sgt. Bloomfield, c. Wooding, b. Stoker	3
Pte. Chatton, b. Stoker	0
Extras (B9, WB1)	10
Total	100

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
Swain	12 1 13 2
Robb	3 1 13 1
Stoker	12 2 37 7
Fox	3 0 14 0

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI	
C. E. Gahagan, c. Bloomfield, b. Goodger	2
N. P. Fox, b. Goodger	2
R. S. W. Patterson, b. Painter	2
V. C. Bond, b. Painter	2
F. Dunnett, b. Bloomfield	4
D. S. Robb, c. Moore, b. Goodger	45
W. Wooding, b. Goodger	9
P. R. Swain, c. Hook, b. Goodger	13
W. Stoker, not out	2
K. A. Mackenzie, c. and b. Coombes	8
Extras (B6, LB2, NB1)	9
Total	94

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
Goodger	13 1 4 22 6
Painter	7 2 21 2
Bloomfield	4 0 13 1
Coombes	5 1 7 0
Chatton	2 0 13 0
Hook	2 0 9 0

Navy Juniors Win

Playing at home yesterday in a friendly junior encounter, Indian Recreation Club lost to the Royal Navy by 14 runs.

R. NAVY 2ND XI	
Brown, c. and b. J. M. A. Rumjahn	23
Wheeler, c. J. M. A. Rumjahn, b. I. Ali	2
Wauhall, run out	0
A. Calow, b. J. M. A. Rumjahn	0
Boocock, l.b.w., b. Minu	16
Delderfield, b. K. M. Rumjahn	13
Lt. Talbot-Smith, c. Y. T. Barma, b. K. M. Rumjahn	25
Jeffery, c. and b. Razack	2
Church, c. Y. T. Barma, b. K. M. Rumjahn	2
Rumjahn	0
Wood, c. Minu, b. K. M. Rumjahn	0
K. M. Nazario, not out	0
Extras (B8, LB1, WB2)	11
Total	103

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
J. M. A. Rumjahn	11 3 27 2
I. Ali	5 1 19 2
K. M. Minu	5 0 16 1
K. M. Rumjahn	3 1 19 4
Razack	3 0 11 0

I.R.C. 2ND XI

I. Ali, run out	7
F. A. Curram, c. Boocock, b. Wauhall	0
K. M. Rumjahn, c. Wood, b. Jeffery	10
A. A. Aziz, c. Brown, b. Church	10
T. Ali, c. Calow, b. Jeffery	8
Y. T. Barma, b. Jeffery	0
A. I. Ismail, c. Delderfield, b. Jeffery	0
J. M. A. Rumjahn, run out	0
M. I. Razack, not out	0
K. M. Minu, c. Church, b. Jeffery	0
H. T. Barma, run out	0
Extras (LB7, NB1)	8
Total	80

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
Wauhall	8 2 29 1
Jeffery	8 2 27 5
Church	4 2 12 1
Wheeler	4 3 1 13 0

D.B.S. Still Unbeaten

The Diocesan Boys' School maintained their unbeaten record yesterday when they beat a fairly strong eleven captained by B. D. Lay by 8 wickets on their own ground.

The Rev. C. B. R. Sargent was in brilliant form with the ball for the

Bowling Analysis	
O.	M.
F. R. Zimmerman	6 2 13 1
Baker	6 0 25 0
Leo	12 8 39 2
Lam	5 1 20 1
F. I. Zimmerman	3 0 21 1
Anderson	8 4 0 22 5

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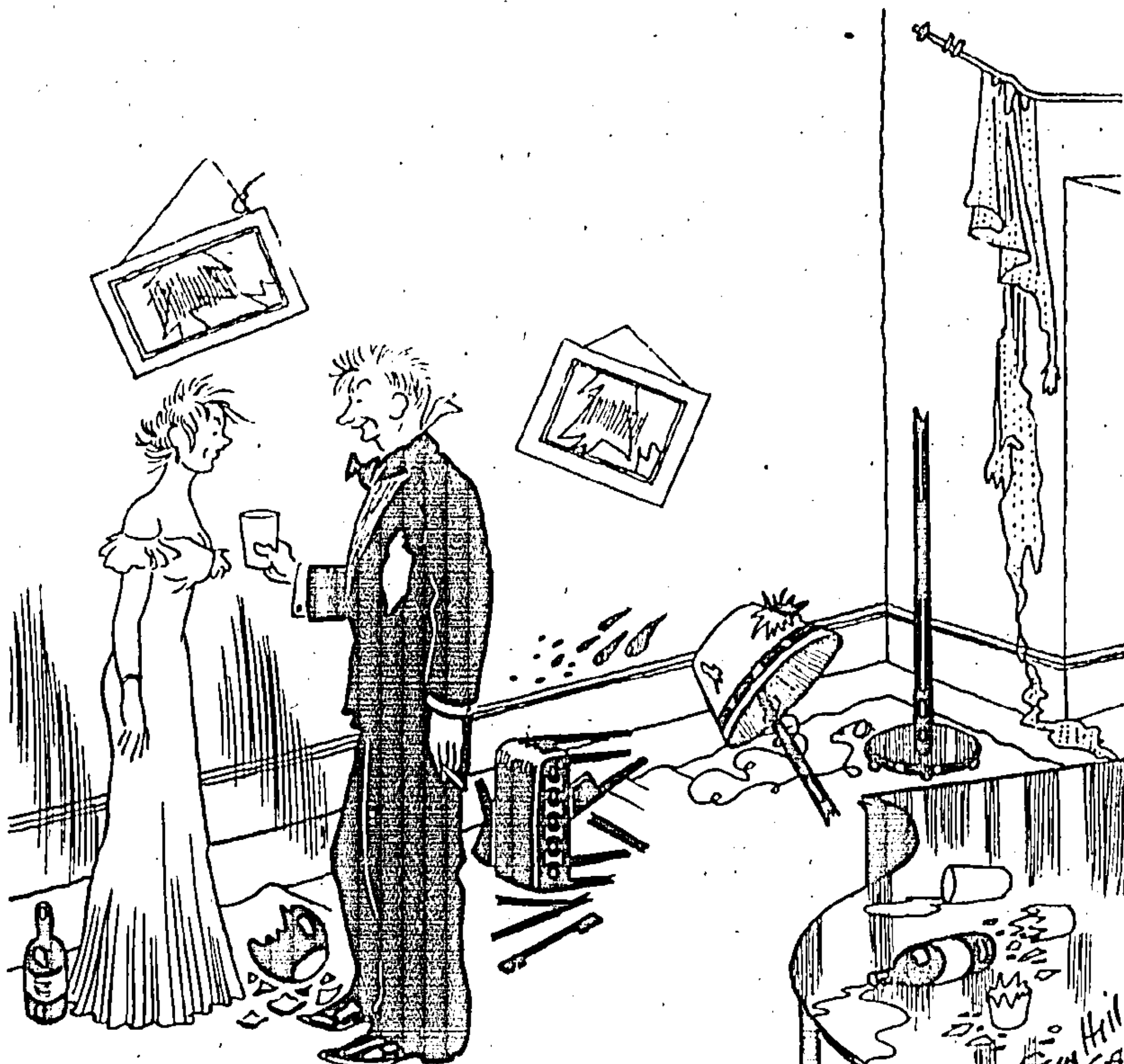
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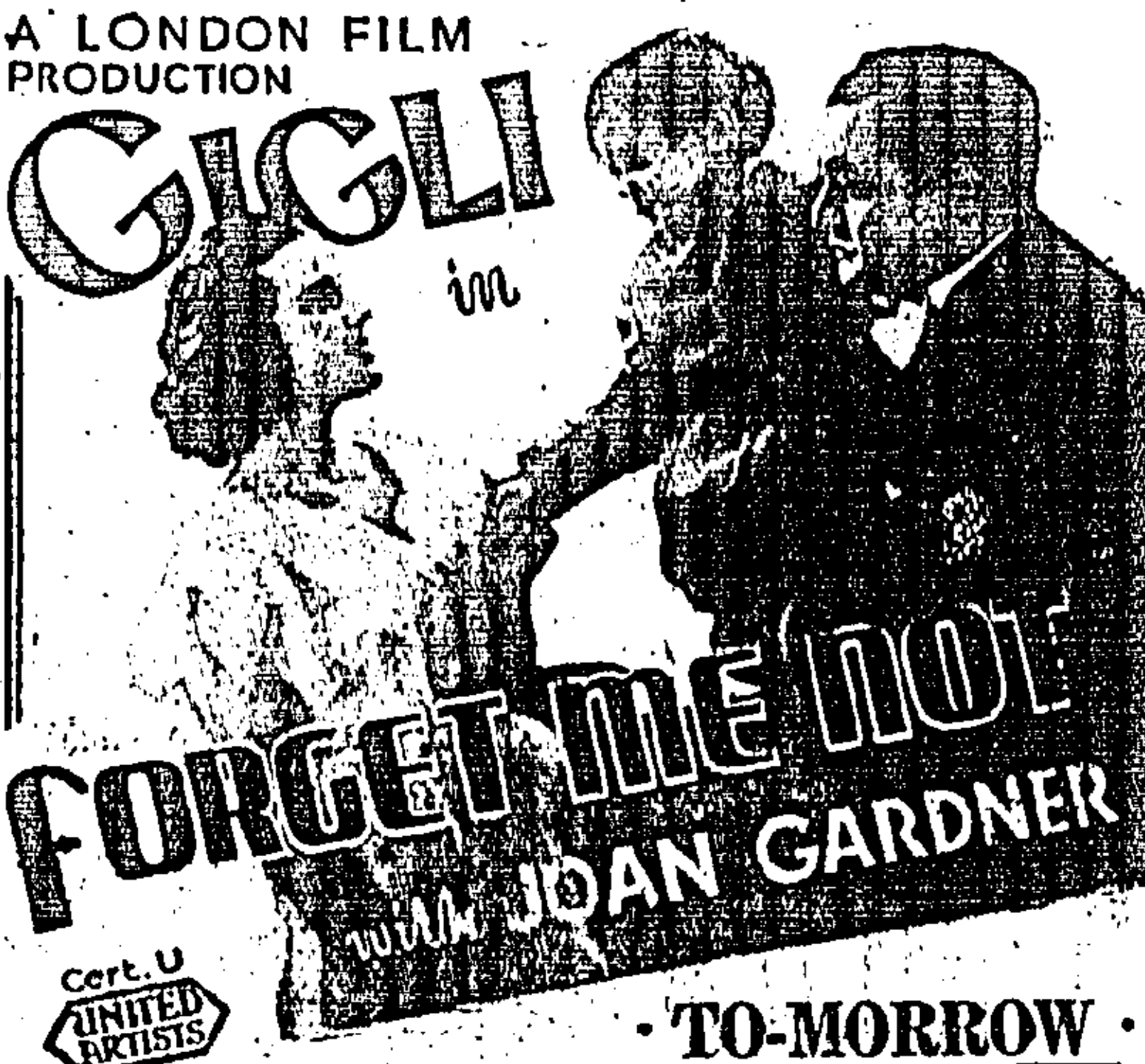


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"BLOOD" MATCH DRAWN

"Mae West" On The Target

Despite a great deal of heated argument through the medium of the Press as to the merits and demerits of the respective teams, the hockey match between the European Y.M.C.A. and the C.B.A. still remains undecided. Their match at King's Park yesterday afternoon ended in a draw of 2 goals all.

The Club ground, which was thronged with spectators, attracted by prospect of a "blood" match, presented a spectacle both weird and wonderful and various members of both sides, evidently undecided as to the form of sport they were indulging in, looked themselves in death-grins.

Owing to the thick alcoholic haze that lay upon the proceedings, it was difficult to ascertain for certain who scored the goals and into which goal they scored them. From what could be gathered, however, "Mae West" alias George Fowler, taking advantage of the inability of her male opponents to keep their eyes on the ball, vamped at least one into the net, to score for the C.B.A.

The second C.B.A. goal appeared to be scored by a Maudie who looked uncommonly like Bill Mair.

The effect of "Mae West" in the opposition ranks, clearly had a disconcerting effect on the Y.M.C.A. men because it was left to two members of the fair sex, Marie Smith and Maudie Read, to score both their goals.

A last sight of the ground revealed a scrum in formation and it is quite possible that several tries were scored later on.



Sports trophies won by the Gosano brothers—"A. V." left, "B" centre and "E. L." right. ("Herald" photo).

EUROPEAN ENGINEERS WIN POINTS

An entertaining Second Division soccer match was witnessed on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday when the European Engineers beat the Chinese Engineers by 4 goals to 1 after a hard fought game.

Generally speaking, the Europeans had command of the game due to the excellent work of their halves—Land and Dewell in particular—while a thrustful left-wing combination in Hurst and Denyer considerably harassed the Chinese right section of defence. Fox was an energetic leader, as his tally of three goals suggests, and Dunderidge put in some useful work on the right-wing. For the Chinese, Lam Wah Shing performed wonders in goal, with the exception of one lapse when he failed to prevent Fox securing his second goal, while Chan Yin-kuen at centre-half, though poorly supported on the flanks, gave a sound exhibition. Lee Wai-lam was their best forward, though he had a hard task to overcome a sturdy defender, who kicked a sound length throughout.

The Europeans took an early lead when Hurst sent over a fine pass to Denyer, who flashed back a perfect centre for Fox to head through. The Chinese fought back gamely, however, and following a great run down the right-wing by Lee Wai-lam, Chan

South China "A" Lead Saints Merry Dance

2 Penalties Before Interval

A VERY poor First Division soccer game resulted in the encounter between South China "A" and St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill yesterday, the former having matters their own way and running out comfortable winners by four clear goals.

St. Joseph's were at a disadvantage from the kick-off as three of their players, Connor, Pickering and Hagen, took the field for the second time that afternoon, having played for a combined XI in the previous match, yet not one of them failed to do his share. If anything, Hagen was their best forward, scheming and making attempts to send Leonard through at every available opportunity, but he received little or no support from Marques, on the wing.

Leonard played his usual steady game, working hard right to the end, while Gomes was by no means inconspicuous at inside-left. Some of his passes were exceedingly well placed and he and Alves combined together effectively. It was at half-back that the Saints were weak. Costa was prominent on few occasions, most of his time being occupied in chasing the nippy opposing inside men, and Sprinkle had a difficult task in handling the two forwards.

In defensive work they were apt to be heavy in their clearances under pressure and there was too big a gap in midfield for the forwards to receive much support in attack. Souza played disappointingly, often being guilty of mis-kicking, and it was left to Pickering to save the situation on most occasions. Connor showed up well in goal, having no chance with the four that found their way past him.

South China "A" played well together as a team, their half-backs giving no quarter and always having the measure of their opponents. The ball was pushed forward with unceasing accuracy and once it was in the forward line it split trouble for the Saints' defence.

Fung King-cheung and his colleagues were in fine form, but erratic shooting spoiled much good approach work. Lai Shui-wing revealed his usual tricky manoeuvring of the ball and fine judicious passing, especially when in collaboration with Fung. Together they led the Saints' rearguard in a merry dance.

Although the Chinese had more of the play and established their superiority early in the game, their lead of two clear goals at the interval was as a result of two penalty goals, both scored by Fung King-cheung. Cheuk Shek-lam and Fung King-cheung added the other two goals.

South China "A"—Choo Leung-hing; Mak Shui-hon, Lee Tui-leung; Lau Tin-san, Lau Hing-chol, Lee Kwok-wai; Tao Kwai-shing, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk Shek-lam, Cheung Moon-wing. St. Joseph's—Connor, Pickering, Souza, Hussain, Costa, Sprinkle; Marques, Hagen, Leonard, Gomes, Alves.

SPORTS TROPHY PRESENTED TO ENGINEERS

Following the Second Division match between the European and Chinese Engineers' teams at the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday, a handsome trophy in the form of a shield was presented to the European Engineers by Col. J. Gifford Hull, (Rtd.), as the prize for the winners of this Unit's Annual Inter-Section Sports Competition.

Lt. Col. L. C. Reid, M.B.E., R.E., accepted the trophy on behalf of the Unit, heartily thanking Col. Gifford Hull for his generosity, and calling for three cheers, to which the teams and spectators readily responded.

Col. Gifford Hull afterwards entertained members of the Corps to tea in the newly opened Clubhouse.

Pack Decides Issue CLUB BACKS HELD UP BY POOR HANDLING ASQUITH & HARVEY OUTSTANDING

THE Triangular Tournament Rugby trophy has been won by the Navy, who last held it in the 1934 season. Yesterday, in an epic struggle which will long be remembered, they defeated the Club by four tries (12 points) to two tries (6 points).

The Navy forwards were greatly responsible for yesterday's victory. They played a magnificent game and completely overshadowed the opposing pack in all phases of the game. In the loose they were superb.

The Club, however, were not at full strength, Lammert being a definite weakness on the right-wing, while Butcher's thrust was missed in the stand-off-half position, although Lyle gave a fine display of defensive tactics, his touch-finding being very useful at times.

DEADLY TACKLING

The Club threequarters were rarely seen in action and when Bidwell and Stewart did break away they were not given much opportunity for their usual clever inter-passing, the Navy tackling being deadly.

Grieve was an unexpected weak link in the Club threequarter line, his handling being very disappointing, and it was not until midway through the second half that he came into the picture with some fine, but unavailing runs, lack of support rendering his efforts hopeless.

The Navy made one change in their original line-up, Elliot dropping out of the threequarter line and P. O. Asquith coming in to fill the vacancy, and he proved one of the biggest dangers to the Club line. The Navy back division was every bit as dangerous as on previous occasions.

Talbot and Walsham, the Navy scrum-half and stand-off-half, were again very much in the limelight, the latter initiating the majority of movements by hand and straight running, while Talbot gave brilliant service from the base of the scrum.

FINE FULL-BACK

The Navy have Ellis, their full-back, to thank in no small way for

League Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
S. China "B"	9	8	1	0	26	7 17
Middlesex	11	7	2	2	26	18 16
S. China "A"	11	7	1	3	37	13 15
Scarfords	10	7	0	3	24	17 14
Kowloon	9	5	1	3	16	11 11
Eastern	9	4	1	4	23	18 9
Police	9	2	3	4	20	19 7
St. Joseph's	9	2	1	6	22	5 5
Club	8	1	0	7	22	4 2
K. Chinese	11	0	1	10	62	0
Totals	96	43	10	43	239	230 96

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Middlesex	8	7	1	0	30	7 15
5th A.A. Bde.	7	7	0	0	29	11 14
R.A.	7	6	2	3	38	10 14
Engineers (B)	11	6	2	3	38	10 14
Kwong Wah	9	5	1	3	18	11 13
South China	10	6	0	4	27	15 12
Scarfords	9	4	3	2	18	15 11
Kowloon	9	3	1	5	15	20 7
Chinese Police	10	3	0	7	17	40 6
Club	9	2	0	7	14	33 4
Engineers (C)	8	0	7	9	41	2
Eastern	8	0	0	8	6	28 0
Totals	98	44	10	44	241	241 98

No side was given with the Navy pressing.

Rev. J. A. Williamson refereed and the teams were—

Royal Navy:—Sarg. Lt. Ellis (Med. way); Lt. Walters (Olympus), Lt. Harvey (Odin) (Captain), P. O. Asquith (Eagle) and A. B. Northcott (Adventure); Lt. Walsham (Adventure) and Lt. Talbot (Odin); Sgt. Burston (Adventure), Sgt. Ford (Tamar), A. B. Romans (Eagle); Lt. Maydon (Orpheus), A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Lt. Woods (Grampus), Lt. Anderson (Olympus) and Lt. Ogil (Phoenix).

Club:—W. M. Macgrath; L. E. Lammert, W. E. Grieve, H. D. Bidwell and D. H. Stewart; C. W. Lyle and J. L. Bonnar; K. A. Watson, K. S. Salter, A. W. Holden; W. E. Peere, F. C. Needham; C. Miller (Captain), A. J. C. Taylor and J. Redman.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
Navy	5	3	0	0	75	22 6
Club	3	1	2	0	65	45 2
Army	2	0	2	0	14	88 0
Totals	8	4	4	0	155	8 8

SOUTH CHINA "B" RETAIN PROUD RECORD

Win Exhibition Match

A soccer match, arranged at the last minute, to whet the appetites of holiday football fans had the desired effect at Caroline Hill yesterday when South China "B" field their undefeated team against a team of players from the Rifles and the Fusiliers, which resulted in the "B" retaining their fine record by 3 goals to 1.

Their victory was well deserved as they were always the better side, showing much more method in their play, a deficiency which was very prominent in the combined XI. The halves were more at fault than any other section of the team, especially in the first half. Men were left unmarked on many occasions, a habit that no team can afford to indulge in when up against such inside forwards as the "B" possess, and passes went astray, thus resulting in the end of more than one promising movement. Late in the game they improved beyond measure, but even then they rarely reached the standard that is within their capabilities.

FORWARDS FAIL

The forwards lacked cohesion in most of their attacks, and only Hagen and Coyle revealed any initiative at all during attempts to break down the solid defence of Tay Quee-lung and Lau Mau. Ferguson worked hard, but his efforts came to naught and more often than not he was too well covered to try a shot at goal. Conkley was the better of the wingers, Robinson on the left playing a poor game throughout. The majority of his attempts to centre finished behind the goal and his shooting was erratic.

Tam Kwan-hon was at the peak of his form in the Chinese goal, bringing off some really fine saves and treating every shot, irrespective of speed or range, with the same placid contempt and clearing his charge in an exceedingly cool and confident manner. Tay Quee-lung and Lau Mau, the full-backs, also gave a good account of themselves, whilst the halves once again proved that they are equally efficient in attack as defence.

Lim Tak-po is worthy of mention, if only for the manner in which he kept his forwards supplied with passes on every available opportunity. The latter were in fine form, the ball travelling from one man to another with lightning speed, and this, together with their habit of inter-changing positions, kept the Europeans' defence busy.

CHINESE SOON TWO UP

The teams changed over with the Chinese leading by two clear goals, scored by Yeuk Hon-woo and Lau Chung-tang. On the resumption, Evans was fouled over on the left wing, just outside the penalty area, and from the kick Coyle headed past Tam Kwan-hon. Chan Tak-fai scored the fourth goal of the match.

South China "B"—Tam Kwan-hon; Tay Quee-lung, Lau Mau; Leung Yui-chun, Lim Tak-po, Yeuk Hon-woo, Yeung Shui-vick, Yeuk Hon-woo, Chan Tak-fai, Lau Chung-tang and Lee Shok-yau. Combined XI—Connor, Pickering, Vale, McGonagle, McKinnon, Evans; Conkley, Coyle, Ferguson, Hagen and Robinson.

EXHIBITION SOCCER GAME FOR TO-DAY

An interesting football match will be held on the Club ground to-day at 4 p.m. when the British Isles will meet the Rent of Hong Kong in an exhibition game.

The following are the teams:—

British Isles—Rowlands (Kowloon); Webster (Scarfords) and Bright (Middlesex); Evans (Kowloon), J. Skinner and Wilson (Club); Conkley (Kowloon), McGuigan (Scarfords), Pearson (Middlesex), Howlett (Police) and Bickford (Club). Reserves—Bono (Police), Saw (Middlesex), Fowler (Club), McCusker (Scarfords). Hong Kong:—Tam Kwan-hon (South China "B"), Lee Ting Sang (South China "A"), (Capt.) and C. Pile (Police) and C. Remedios (St. Joseph's), T. Pile (Police), Fung King-cheung (South China "A"), P. Gorge (Kowloon), Lai Shui-wing (South China "A") and Hui Ching-to (Eastern). Reserves—S. Tsang (Eastern), V. Costa (St. Joseph's), Hussain (St. Joseph's), Lam Tak-po (South China "B"), and D. Leonard (St. Joseph's).

SERVICES TO MEET CIVILIANS IN REPLAY

The Combined Services will meet the Civilians to-day on the Club ground at 3 p.m. in the replay of their annual hockey fixture, which ended in a 3-3 draw three weeks ago.

The Civilians will field the same team as on the last occasion, but the Services are expected to make several changes.

The following will represent the Civilians:

M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and E. L. Gosano (Recreio); W. Brown (Police), W. A. Reed (Club) and M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); S. A. Paviour (Club), Gurbaichan Singh (Radio), Pany Singh (K.I.T.C.), J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) and V. Bond (Club). These unable to turn out are requested to inform Mr. C. T. Palmer or Mr. A. E. P. Guest. Civilians will play in white shirts and the Services in green.

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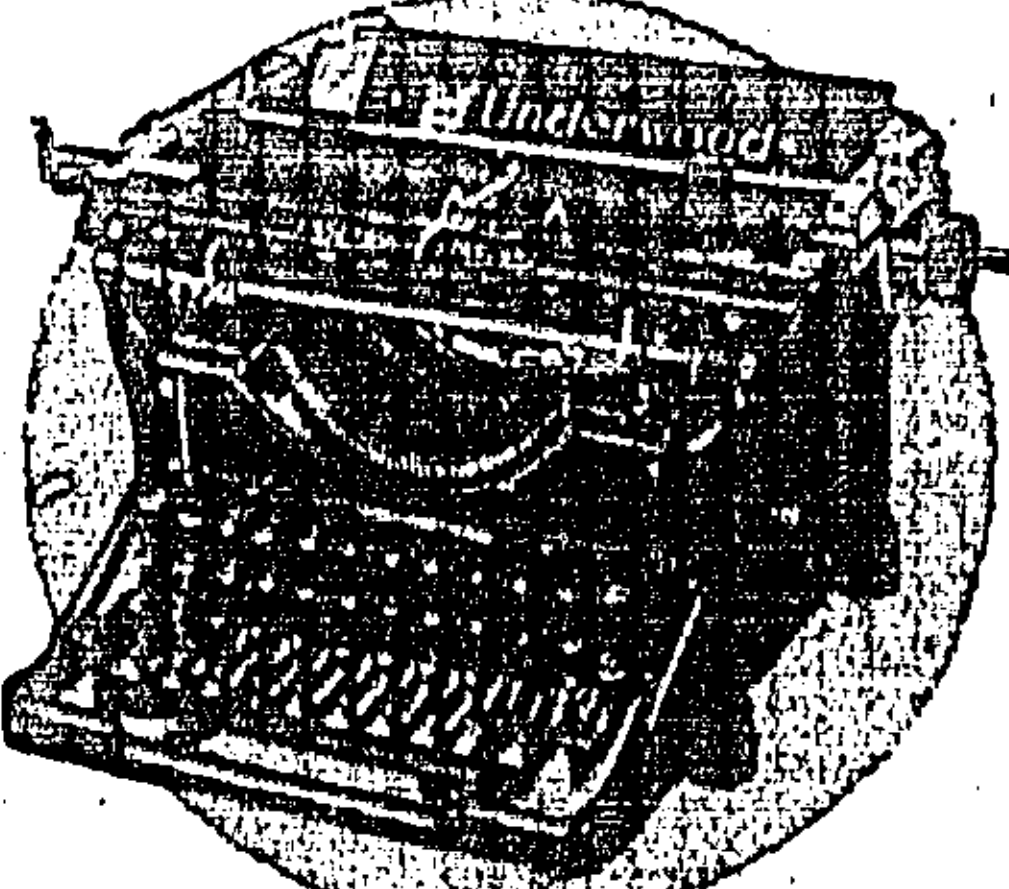
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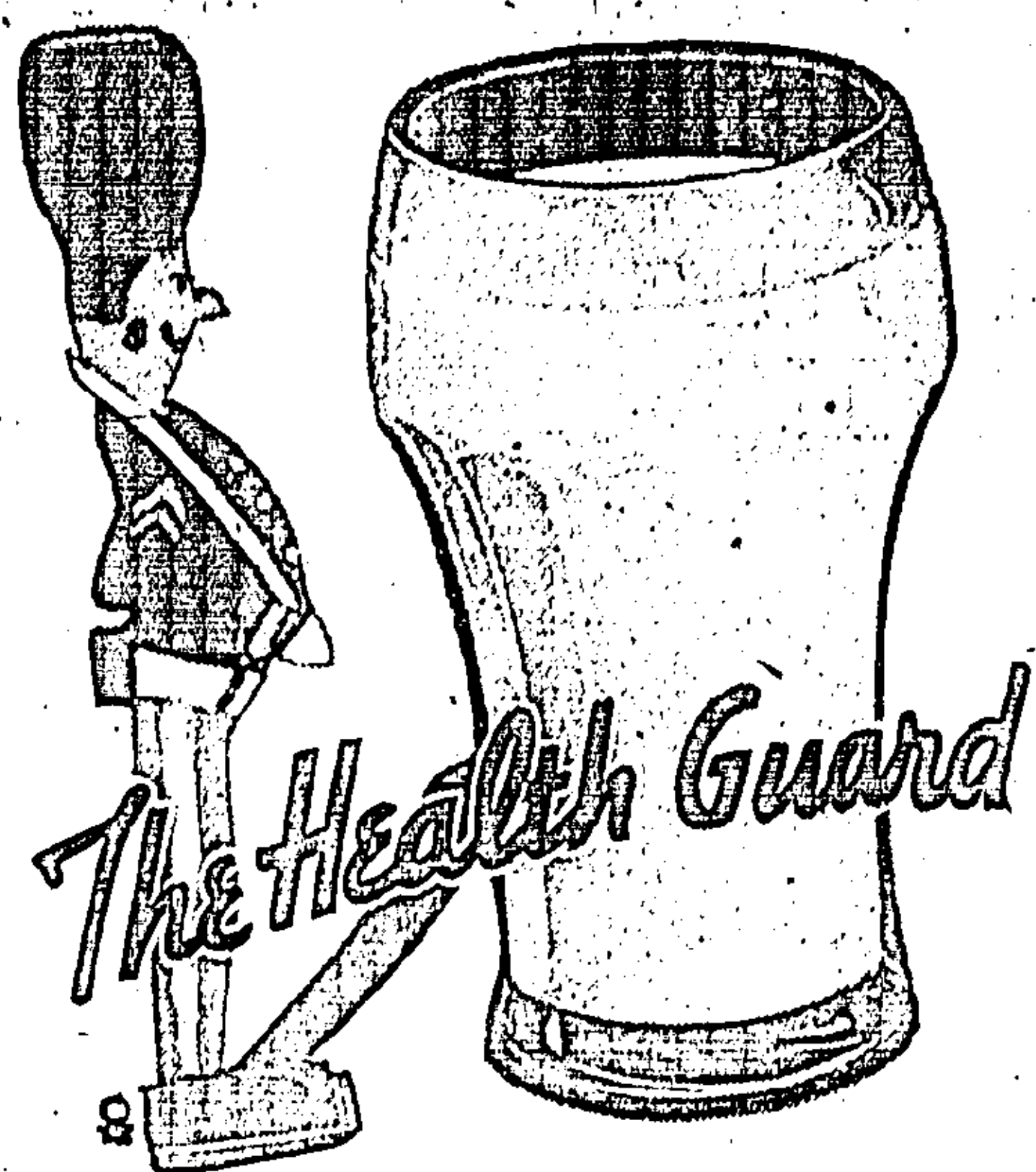
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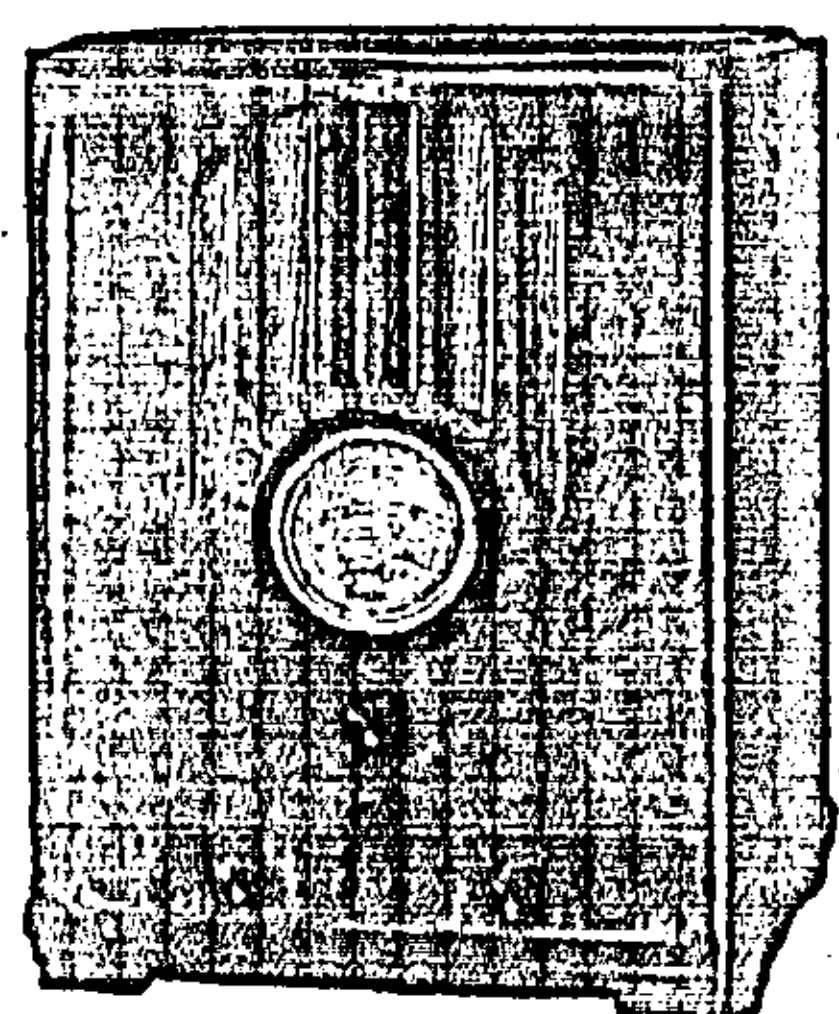
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Secret Society That Has Listening Posts All Over The World

FOR the Austrian prisoners of war who had to spend years in the icy steppes of Siberia, the end of the World War did not mean deliverance. Two years more passed before the civil war calmed down and before those who had survived hunger, epidemics and the endless fights between "Reds" and "Whites" reached in Vladivostok the shore of the Pacific they had so ardently longed for and, like another army of Xenophon, set up a thousand-voiced scream: "O thalatta, thalatta!"

Eighteen years ago, in the autumn of 1919 I was still kept prisoner with many other fellow-sufferers in Werchne-Udinsk, a small garrison in middle Siberia about fifty miles east from the huge Baikal lake and 200 miles north from the Mongolian border. To-day Werchne-Udinsk is the centre of the Soviet Republic of the Buriats, a Mongol tribe who have never felt much sympathy towards their Russian rulers. Like all other important places on the Siberian railway, Werchne-Udinsk had at that time a Japanese garrison—part of the Japanese intervention army that was supposed to conquer and to keep Siberia from the Baikal lake to the Pacific. Suddenly, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces gave the order to evacuate Siberia, and one garrison after the other was withdrawn.

On the evening before the Japanese regiments left Werchne-Udinsk I talked to a young teacher with whom I had become very friendly. He was craving for knowledge and though he belonged to a rather primitive tribe he tried always to extend his intellectual horizon.

We discussed the withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Siberia and I suggested that the Japanese military authorities probably did not see any possibility in holding a huge area such as Siberia.

My friend was silent for a little while, then he said: "They will come back."

"You mean, if their military force will be strong enough."

He looked at me with an enigmatic glance and started: "Listen, try to understand what I am going to tell you about these little men." He pointed to some Japanese officers who passed in front of our window.

And this is what he told me:

"You remember that at the beginning of this century Japan, or 'Nippon' as it is called to-day, since the name of the Empire of the Rising Sun was officially altered, lived in a state of ever-increasing uneasiness. Russia was not satisfied with her old possessions in the Far East and had pushed her way into Manchuria with the connivance of that old cunning diplomat, Li-Hung-Tchang. Looking for a strong opposition against Japanese imperialism, he supported Russian expansion and showed them the way to Korea. Around the Emperor Nicholas II an association was established for the exploitation of the forests along the Yalu River with their precious wood. Before long the private company was transformed into a Russian national enterprise.

"From the day when the Government in Tokyo had protested against Russian penetration of Korea the outbreak of war between Russia and Japan was merely a question of hours. Japan however had foreseen the conflict. Since 1901 Japanese patriots discussed in secret meetings the ways and means of retarding the Muscovite colossus. Among these conspirators two names in the course of years became known all over the world—those of Utada and Tolama. They founded a secret society by the name of 'Kokurukai,' which in translation means 'Across the Amur.' In choosing

the name of that huge stream separating China and Russia in the Far East the patriots of Nippon had not only decided to hinder a Russian expansion on the Chinese bank of the Amur, but to encourage their fatherland in a Japanese push across the Amur.

A DARKER NAME

"You can imagine the immensely increased influence of Kokurukai when the colossus with feet of clay was defeated. The original name, however, to-day, only known to the thoroughly initiated members has been replaced by a darker one, that of 'The Black Dragon.'

"The Black Dragon is not a sect of religion as you may believe nor is it a kind of Intelligence Service. It is a patriot organisation on a wide scale. The organisation follows a sublime purpose and its leading idea is that Japan is the highest, natural and unique leader of all peoples of Asia and of all yellow races which are despised by the white man. That is why Japan will use all her secret, slow and restless efforts to free all yellow peoples and to submit them to the flag of the Rising Sun. And that is why I have told you they will come back."

The Buriat teacher stopped at these words. In vain I tried to hear from him more details about the Black Dragon.

I LEARN MORE

Many years after that strange conversation I learned much more about the Black Dragon. In 1935 I was invited to a reception at

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the Chinese embassy in Paris, and I asked one of the Chinese attaches point-blank:

"Did you ever hear the name of Tolama?"

He answered by a counter-question:

"What do you know about this name?"

I told him my conversation of Werchne-Udinsk and that I would be interested to know more about Tolama and the "Black Dragon."

"Tolama?" he continued. "Aak the first man you meet in Japan whether he knows this name and from the answers you can judge the immense popularity of this old long-bearded man with the small eyes, who is a kind of Asiatic Tolstol, a modern Buddhist. His hobby is nursery-gardening and he never leaves his rose garden. In reality he commands 600,000 men who are prepared to shed their last drop of blood on his order. Japanese patriots swear an oath on Tolama's name."

"The members and the agents of the Black Dragon are really a supreme committee to which fatherland becomes a divinity. They will not divulge that they are members. They are plotting for the enrichment and prosperity of Japan and observe the rules of a secret game. They are proud of having served in one way or the other in the ranks of the Black Dragon. In 1934 a Shanghai paper, largely subsidised by the United States of America, 'disclosed' that the former Prime Minister, Mr. Hirota, had started his career as a member of a secret club. The idea that the revelation would be derogatory to Mr. Hirota's reputation was a miscalculation. Nearly immediately after the publication of the paper, Mr. Hirota published his memoirs, where he laid stress upon the fact that as a student he had been a member of the Black Dragon. And a great many other Japanese diplomats started from the Black Dragon.

Behind The Scenes In The Sino-Japanese War

A VARIED MEMBERSHIP

"It would be wrong, however, to assume that diplomats only and ministers belong to the Black Dragon. Military leaders, clergymen, students, small shopkeepers, artists, sailors, geishas are connected with it. The network of its agents and posts is spread all over Japan. It begins in the Imperial palace of the Mikado and ends in lonesome huts of the fishermen in South Sakhaline. The Black Dragon is omnipresent, its activity is perceptible on the boards of companies as well as in the slums of Yokohama, in the Buddhist temples and in the tea-houses. Nothing remains hidden from the Black Dragon. It has ears and eyes in the most secret recesses of Japan. This invisible society circulates in Japanese life as blood in the human body.

AFTER THE GREAT WAR

"After the end of the World War, both victors and losers in Europe gave the impression of lassitude. So the young Japanese Imperialists considered the situation very favourable for a sharp advance. Under the distinct influence of the Black Dragon two forms of expansion became apparent. One of them, the continental one, had its support in the army. It was the firm belief of the military circles that Japanese expansion had to gravitate towards the continent of Asia, beginning with the incorporation of China. The other tendency was supported by the admirals who believe even nowadays that the real solution of all

vital problems of Japan consists in a march towards the South Seas. By that march is meant an advance towards Indo-China, Siam, the British possessions in Malaya, India, Australia and New Zealand. This push towards the South Seas, although disquieting enough, is but too often considered irresistible. The United States, for instance, are abandoning, at least in principle, the Philippines and are taking their next stronghold on the Hawaiian islands.

"Apart from that national passion which can be compared with the breath of the Black Dragon there are realities and methods. The Black Dragon has its own means, its own men and acts as a kind of providence superior to the ephemeral governments. It is a soul and a magic art at the same time.

LISTENING POSTS ALL OVER THE WORLD

I have mentioned previously that the Black Dragon has its established listening posts in Siberia. Since then they have spread all over Europe and you can trace them in France, even in Paris.

For six months war with all its terrors has raged in China. Japanese soldiers now being mown down by thousands are but the tools of the Black Dragon, pushing this time the continental plan. The Black Dragon wants to expel the white man from Shanghai for ever and to close the door which had been opened to Europe nearly 80 years ago.



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SOVIET ELECTIONS: THE TRUTH

BY H. N. BRAILSFORD

It is not easy in these days to write about Russia, since any frank expression of opinion is misinterpreted by opponents.

On the other hand, the uncritical friends of Russia point to these elections as an ideal model. Clearly they call for discussion.

To avoid any honest misunderstanding, I will state my own position in a few words. Speaking broadly, I believe that Russia has solved the central economic problem of our times, and is in a fair way to create a classless society.

That constitutes a claim to our fundamental loyalty and to our support if she should be threatened or attacked.

But I hold that she has not been fully successful in solving the problem of Government. This we must debate, since her experience affects our own ideas and plans.

The word "elections" is, to begin with, misleading. There were no contests, or, at most, only two or three. It is said that contests did, none the less, take place in committees behind the scenes, before the single candidate was chosen.

At the best, this would be no substitute for a choice by the whole body of citizens. It is true, however, as I witnessed in a Moscow story in 1927, that the shop committees did scrutinise the record of each candidate carefully before the list was drawn up.

A Plebiscite

But there are two differences to-day. Firstly, the constituencies are vast territorial units, which can have no intimate life comparable to that of a factory or a village. Secondly, the method followed was that of a plebiscite.

Usually, Stalin was nominated, and then, since he could stand only in one constituency, a substitute was adopted to replace him. The result was that the choice lay simply in a vote for or against Stalin.

This exaltation of a single leader is a comparatively recent phase of Soviet life. Lenin did not seek to fill the whole horizon in this way. He was loved and venerated, but was often in a narrow majority within the Party.

If he got his way in the end, it was thanks to his real superiority in open debate. Stalin has great gifts and a proud record, but behind these claims to leadership is the coercive machine that he directs.

This plebiscite took place after a purge in which he has "liquidated" every possible leader of an independent tendency.

At such a moment anyone who had dared to nominate a candidate against Stalin or his substitute would have been branded as a Trotskyist traitor, ripe for the fate that awaits such persons.

In these conditions, with the entire Press and the wireless in Stalin's hands, a plebiscite is merely a measure of his efficiency as an organiser. That no one questions.

Classless Society

Apart from any minor criticism one might direct against the details of the new Constitution, we may summarise our objection thus: the Russian Communist Party will not provide for any organised opposition, and cannot even conceive the possibility of a loyal opposition.

The reason, as the "Daily Worker" states it, is interesting and deserves consideration. Parties as we know them in a capitalist society, reflect its division into classes.

It follows that in a classless society no parties can exist — or, rather, there can be only one party, that of the whole mass of working citizens.

I agree, of course, that in such a society there can be no fundamental division based on differences of economic status.

Since the word "party" has for us this association, let us speak rather of an organised group or tendency. Surely such groups may and must exist even in a classless society.

Land workers will differ in outlook from industrial workers, and intellectual workers from both. There may be other differences of function equally inevitable that will lead to grouping.

But is every difference in opinion economic in origin? I would ask the Marxist reader to refrain from a dogmatic answer and to look around him.

Why to-day in England does a man join the Communist Party

rather than the Labour Party, or vice versa? Class does not give the clue. The same man will try first the one and then the other: husbands and wives or brothers in the same economic position are also divided.

So far as I can tell, the class composition of the two is broadly the same: a big preponderance of manual workers with a fringe of "intellectuals."

So I fall back on the commonplace answer that the difference is one of temperament—in other words, psychological.

If an orthodox Marxist tells me that this is an unscientific opinion, I answer that in Marx's day only one human study deserved the name of science, namely, economics.

"Yes Men"

TO-DAY, psychology has its rights. We all acquire in childhood some attitude to our parents, whether of submission or revolt. This determines in after-life our attitude towards all forms of authority.

Some of us tend to follow tradition: others are critics and innovators. Doubtless the extremes of both attitudes are due to parental mistakes and stupid education.

These can be eliminated, but shades of temperamental difference will persist in the happiest society, and its life will always be a debate between the traditional and innovating tendencies. Thus we have several natural groups in every society, however classless, some functional and some temperamental.

"Granted," a Stalinist may reply. "Of course, we differ in temperament as in physique. But why organise these differences in groups? Each type can speak when he gets elected."

That may suffice in a very small social unit, a workshop or a farm. But when 90,000,000 electors have to decide their policy, organisation is essential.

It can be done only through the Press, the wireless and public meetings. A free and adequate debate on policy is possible, only when organised groups exist, with a well-defined right to use these various means of publicity.

For this contention there is a stronger argument than any indi-

vidualist view of right. A society is less than a society unless it provides for this continuous process of debate.

One of its chief duties is to organise such debates. Failing this, it is not a society but merely a regiment. Its moral and intellectual fibre will decay.

It will become a herd of yes-men and parrots. It is not enough to say that the organisation of groups and political tendencies should be tolerated: it should be fostered.

Trotskyish Heresy

The answer may be made that the Soviet Union has its own ways of fostering and testing healthy differences of opinion. I agree.

There is the Wall newspaper. Again "Pravda" received, or used to receive, shoals of letters, which were catalogued and classified. These served to reveal the daily grievances of the average man.

Often, in accordance with these indications, laws were drafted or amended. There are other and more formal methods of testing opinion, but I think they are used and can be used freely only over secondary matters.

They cannot be applied to the bigger issues of policy, because opposition here is branded as treasonable.

Many Russians must have thought Stalin mistaken when he suddenly reversed Soviet practice and doctrine by joining the League of Nations.

But no one dared say so publicly; no such opinion could be broadcast by the radio or the Press. To oppose this move is part of the Trotskyish heresy, and that is treason.

That illustration may suffice to justify the statement that major issues of policy cannot be debated in the absence of organised groups which enjoy the right, on occasion, to oppose.

The solution of this problem of government calls for many changes—in the courts, in legal procedure, in the control of the wireless and the Press, and finally in the whole conception of an election.

The first step is to recognise that opposition may be a loyal citizen's duty.

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BRIDGE NOTES

BY ELY CULBERTSON

Examples Of Austrian Bidding

IN a recent article I gave a short outline of the bidding system used by the Austrian Bridge team, who won the world's championship this summer, at Budapest. Their system of bidding is a melange of the best points in other systems with several original features. It is a complicated system, yet, once it is thoroughly learned, it is most efficient. At the same time, even in their recent match against the British Bridge League, when they won by 10,000 points, the Austrians did not have matters all their own way. The hands from the Anglo-Austrian match given below show swings against as well as in favour of the Austrian team.

Here is an example of a Grand Slam hand, bid to Seven-odd by the visitors and to only Six-odd by the B.B.L. players. East-West were vulnerable and West was the dealer:—

NORTH
S-K J 9
H-A K 9 8 3
D-A 5
C-J 10 7

EAST
S-Q 10 8 3 2
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

WEST
S-5 4
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

EAST
S-Q 10 8 3 2
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

SOUTH
S-A 7 6
H-10 5
D-K J 9
C-A K Q 9 4

The bidding in the two rooms, with East and West silent throughout, was as follows:—

Austrian
NORTH
1 H. 2 C.
3 N.T. 4 N.T.
5 N.T. 6 C.
7 C. No
B.B.L.

SOUTH
1 H. 2 C.
3 N.T. 4 N.T.
5 N.T. 6 C.
7 C. No
B.B.L.

WEST
S-5 4
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

EAST
S-Q 10 8 3 2
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

SOUTH
S-A 7 6
H-10 5
D-K J 9
C-A K Q 9 4

NORTH
1 H. 2 C.
3 N.T. 4 N.T.
5 N.T. 6 C.
7 C. No
B.B.L.

SOUTH
1 H. 2 C.
3 N.T. 4 N.T.
5 N.T. 6 C.
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WEST
S-5 4
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

EAST
S-Q 10 8 3 2
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

SOUTH
S-A 7 6
H-10 5
D-K J 9
C-A K Q 9 4

NORTH
1 H. 2 C.
3 N.T. 4 N.T.
5 N.T. 6 C.
7 C. No
B.B.L.

SOUTH
1 H. 2 C.
3 N.T. 4 N.T.
5 N.T. 6 C.
7 C. No
B.B.L.

WEST
S-5 4
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

EAST
S-Q 10 8 3 2
H-Q 7 6 4 2
D-Q 7 6 3
C-8 2

NORTH
1 H. 2 C.
2 N.T. 4 N.T.
6 N.T. No

SOUTH
1 H. 2 C.
2 N.T. 4 N.T.
6 N.T. No

The B.B.L. declarer, against a lead of the 2 of Diamonds, easily made 12 tricks, scoring 990 points. The Austrian declarer was favoured with the lead of the 7 of Hearts, and had to "read" East's Jack as a singleton. He did this, and later took a finesse against West's Queen, discarding a Spade on the established Heart in dummy.

On another hand the B.B.L. gained points by aggressive bidding. At Game All, East dealt:—

NORTH
S-Q 10 8 4
H-7 3
D-A K Q 10 8 7 2
C-None

EAST
S-7 3
H-Q 8 4 2
D-9 6
C-10 8 6 3 2

WEST
S-6 5 2
H-K J 9 5
D-J
C-Q J 9 7 5

SOUTH
S-A K J 9
H-A 10 6
D-5 4 3
C-A K 4

The bidding was:—

Austrian
NORTH
1 N.T. 2 D.
2 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 D.
No

SOUTH
1 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 S.
7 S. No

There the B.B.L. bidding was much more informative and brought a merited gain of 720 points.

WEST
S-6 5 2
H-K J 9 5
D-J
C-Q J 9 7 5

SOUTH
S-A K J 9
H-A 10 6
D-5 4 3
C-A K 4

NORTH
1 N.T. 2 D.
2 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 D.
No

SOUTH
1 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 S.
7 S. No

WEST
S-6 5 2
H-K J 9 5
D-J
C-Q J 9 7 5

SOUTH
S-A K J 9
H-A 10 6
D-5 4 3
C-A K 4

NORTH
1 N.T. 2 D.
2 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 D.
No

SOUTH
1 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 S.
7 S. No

WEST
S-6 5 2
H-K J 9 5
D-J
C-Q J 9 7 5

SOUTH
S-A K J 9
H-A 10 6
D-5 4 3
C-A K 4

NORTH
1 N.T. 2 D.
2 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 D.
No

SOUTH
1 S. 3 D.
4 N.T. 6 S.
7 S. No

WEST
S-6 5 2
H-K J 9 5
D-J
C-Q J 9 7 5

SOUTH
S-A K J 9
H-A 10 6
D-5 4 3
C-A K 4

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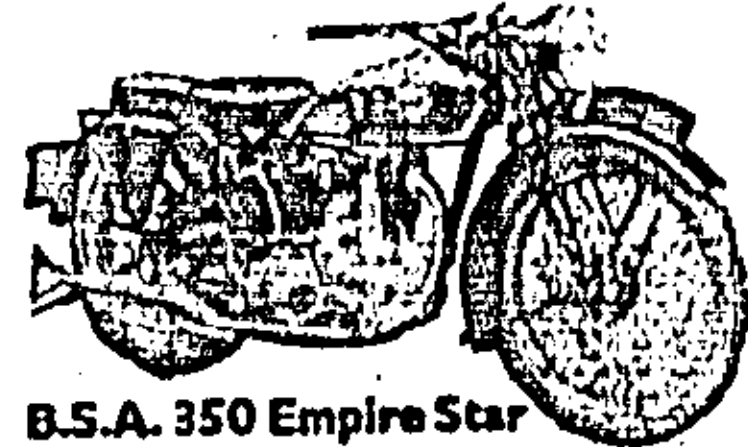
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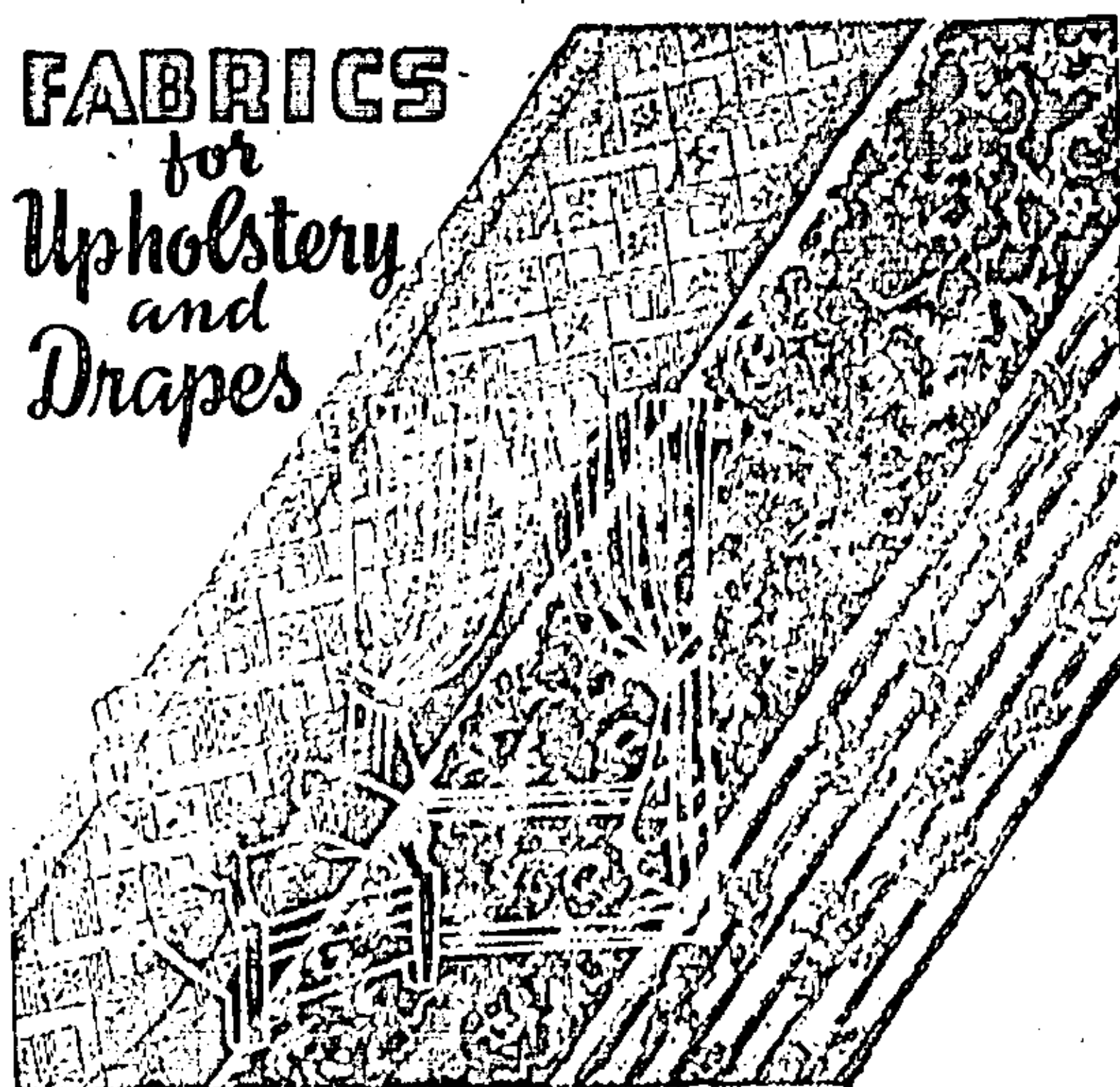
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TWO BRIGHT CENTURIES AGAINST LORD TENNYSON'S XI

Calcutta, Yesterday.

Lord Tennyson's XI were in a
bad way at the end of the second
day's play in the third unofficial
Test Match with India to-day,
when with only two wickets to fall
in their first innings, they were
131 behind the home team.

India gave an inspired display
of breezy batting, Mushtaq Ali
and Amar Nath, both veterans
of Indian tours of England,
scoring centuries.

At the end of the first day's
play, India had scored 313 for
the loss of five wickets.

TWO CENTURIES

Mushtaq Ali made 101 in 210
minutes, hitting six fours, while
Amar Nath was 102 not out when
stumps were drawn. He had
scored his century in 150 minutes,
the innings being marked by
sizzling drives and square cuts.
Mankad was out for 55.

The remaining wickets fell for
only 37 runs this morning, Amar
Nath coming out for 123. He hit
thirteen 4's.

POPE'S BOWLING

Pope, of Derby, was the best of
the English bowlers, taking 5
wickets for 70 runs. All his vic-
tims fell this morning, when he
took the outstanding wickets.

At the close of play to-day,
Lord Tennyson's XI had scored
218 for eight wickets, Hardstaff
being out for 59.

Scores:

All-India 350.
Lord Tennyson's XI 219 for 8.
—Reuter.

AUSTRIA GIVES OTTO EIGHT CASTLES BACK

Vienna, Yesterday.

The Habsburg family will re-
ceive back eight castles, which
were in its possession in Imperial
days, as the result of a decree issued
by the Austrian Government.

The castles were confiscated at
the end of the war and ever since
have belonged to the Austrian
War Invalids Fund, which has
been dissolved.

By another transaction, the
Austrian Government presents to
the city of Vienna the Prater, the
famous Vienna amusements park.

In exchange it will receive from
the city large territories at As-
pern, near Vienna, which will be
used for enlarging the Vienna
aerodrome.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE ENTHUSIASM FOR H.K.V.D.C.

The "Sunday Herald" learns that,
as a result of the numerous appli-
cations for enrolment in the No. 4
Machine Gun Company (Chinese),
it has been decided to increase its
strength by one platoon of 30 men.
It is possible that later on a
further extension will be authoris-
ed.

More than 120 are on the wait-
ing list.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ENLARGED

Hankow, Yesterday.

The Government has decided to increase mem-
bership of the Advisory Council which was form-
ed on August 22 for the purpose of "unifying
the nation for meeting Japanese aggression"
to seventy-five.

In addition to the original councillors, the Secre-
taries-General of the five Yuans (the Execu-
tive, Legislative, Judicial, Examination and
Control Yuans) will also serve, as well as one
representative each of the provincial and
municipal governments.

GENERAL SMUTS URGES CLAIMS OF LEAGUE

Geneva, Yesterday.

A vibrant plea for the League
of Nations as a living reality pre-
sented real hope for the future,
was made by General Smuts, South
African Minister of Justice, in a
speech recorded in South Africa
and broadcast all over the world
from the League radio station
yesterday.

General Smuts declared that
people were already forgetting
the Great War and were asking
us to return to the course which
had led to it.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

After championing the League
Covenant, General Smuts said he
trusted the Covenant would even-
tually become an international
treaty separate from the Peace
Treaty.

General Smuts concluded by
saying that in membership of the
League remained a formidable
army able to battle against mili-
tarism and reaction, but, once
abandoned, it may not be rebuilt
in a century.—Reuter.

H.M.S. CRICKET ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday.

After anchoring at
Kowloon for several days
on her way down river,
H.M.S. Cricket has at
last arrived in Shang-
hai.

She was escorted through
the gap in the Kiangyin boom
by a Japanese destroyer which
flashed a message of goodwill
as the gunboat steamed down
river.

H.M.S. Cricket, "it is under-
stood, has come to Shanghai to
pick up the British Consul-
General, Mr. Prideaux-Brune,
the military attaché, Lt.-Col.
Lovat-Fraser, and Herr Rosen,
of the German Embassy staff.

She is leaving very shortly
for Nanking.—Reuter.

TCHEKAN STILL DETAINED IN FORMOSA

The "Sunday Herald" learns
officially that the s.s. Tchekan,
which was seized by a Japanese
warship off the coast of Hainan on
September 29 last while on a voy-
age from Tourane to Hong Kong,
is still being detained by the Jap-
anese naval authorities at Formo-
sa.

Foreign Office Move Causes Speculation

(Continued from Page 1)

of State may wish to avail him-
self of his services.

IMMEDIATE EFFECT

"In order to give full effect to
the purposes in view it is neces-
sary that the new post should be
filled by a person of internation-
al reputation and authority and,
accordingly, Sir Robert Vansittart,
Permanent Under Secretary for
Foreign Affairs, has been selected
to be the first holder of the office.
Consequent upon the above ap-
pointment, the Secretary of State
has appointed the Honourable
Sir Alexander Cadogan, Deputy
Under-Secretary in the Foreign
Office to be Permanent Under-Sec-
retary for Foreign Affairs.

"These appointments take ef-
fect on January 1st 1938.—British
Wireless and Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, Yesterday.

Importance is attached by se-

JEAN BATTEN SETS HERSELF PHENOMENAL TASK

London, Yesterday.

Miss Jean Batten is plan-
ning an attempt on Scott
and Black's Australia re-
cord of two days twenty-
three hours. The flight
will be made early next
year.

Negotiations have been started
for the use of the Comet racing
plane which Scott used in 1934 and
in which Clouston and Mrs. Kirby-
Green recently established a new
Cape and back record.

Miss Batten plans to fly solo.
Scott had Campbell-Black as co-
pilot; even then both men arrived
in Australia in a state of collapse
from strain and fatigue.

She would have to cover the
11,000-mile journey practically
without sleep, unless an automatic
pilot were fixed.

This would be able to take over
and hold the machine on its course
while the pilot snatched a few
minutes' sleep from time to time.

NOT IMPOSSIBLE

Experts do not consider the
flight impossible for a solo pilot.

Scott and Black were held up in
Persia for several hours during
their flight, and during the last
part of it only one of the motors
was working properly.

The machine is faster now, and
can cruise comfortably at 200 miles
an hour. The aviatix may fly
over Tibet and China, in which case
more than 1,000 miles would be cut
off the total distance.

Miss Batten, who is twenty-six
years old, holds the present Austra-
lia-England record at five days
eighteen hours fifteen minutes.—
Trans-Ocean.

The owners of the vessel, the
Ping On Navigation Company, told
the "Sunday Herald" that the mat-
ter has been placed in the hands
of the Panama authorities, who
are still negotiating for the re-
lease of the ship which is register-
ed in Panama.

POMPEY KEEP IT UP

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
SURPRISES

MANCHESTER UPSET

London, Y

The following are the
Home football mate
to-day.

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	2	Sheff. U.
Birmingham	1	Sheff. W.
Blackpool	4	Derby
Brentford	1	Derby
Derby	0	Leeds
Grimsby	1	Leeds
Leeds	2	Leeds
Liverpool	2	Leeds
Manchester C.	2	Leeds
Middlesbrough	2	Leeds
West Brom.	1	Leeds

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	0	Bradford
Blackburn	3	Swansea
Bury	4	Burnley
Coventry	2	Tottenham
Fulham	2	Plymouth
Luton	6	Stockport
Newcastle	2	Manchester U.
Notts P.	2	Sheff. U.
Wednesday	1	Sheff. W.
Southampton	3	Norwich
West Ham.	1	Aston Villa

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	1	Crystal P.
Bournemouth	7	Southend
Brighton	3	Queen's Park
Bristol R.	0	Watford
Cardiff	2	Clapton
Exeter	2	Newport
Gillingham	1	Bristol C.
Millwall	1	Reading
Northampton	3	Mansfield
Swindon	1	Notts C.
Valsall	0	Torquay

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow	3	N. Brighton
Bradford	2	Doncaster
Carlisle	3	Accrington
Crawley	1	Gateshead
Halifax	1	Chester
Hartlepool	2	Lincoln
Port Vale	2	Oldham
Southport	1	Darlington
Tranmere	0	Rotherham
Wrexham	0	Hull
York	0	Reeddale

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr	1	Queen of S.	0
Celtic	3	Rangers	0
Dundee	0	Aberdeen	1
Falkirk	6	Morton	1
Hibernian	2	Hearts	2
Motherwell	0	Hamilton	1
*Partick	0	Clyde	0
St. Johnstone	2	Arbroath	2
St. Mirren	0	Kilmarnock	2
Queen's Park	4	T. Lanark	1

* Not played.

SECOND DIVISION

Albion	0	Airdrie	2
Alloa	5	Leith	2
Dumbarton	2	Forfar	0
Dunfermline	1	Cowdenbeath	1
Edinburgh	0	Dundee	2
King's Park	2	East Stirling	1
Montrose	2	Brechin	0
Rath Rovers	1	East Fife	8
St. Bernards	4	Stenmuir	2

NEW YEAR'S EVE

MATCHES

Clyde	0	Ayr	0
Morton	3	St. Johnstone	0

—Reuter.
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